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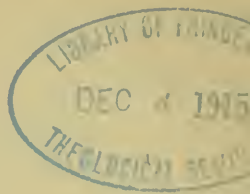
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OF THE

Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church

U. S. A.

SESSION LXXIII.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 28, 1902.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America met, pursuant to adjournment in the Syracuse church, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening. The Moderator delivered a discourse upon Ex. 33, 18, "I beseech thee, show me thy glory." The court was then by him constituted with prayer.

Adjourned with prayer by J. McCracken, to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

SAME PLACE, THURSDAY, May 29.

MORNING SESSION.

Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and, having been completed, it is as follows :

Roll.

<i>Congregations.</i>	<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>
	COLORADO PRESBYTERY.	
Evans.	J. Milligan Wylie.	
La Junta.	J. K. Robb.†	
	James Patton.*	

* Not present at the constitution of the Court.

† Released.

<i>Congregations.</i>	<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>
ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.		
Bethel.	D. S. Faris.	C. C. Faris.
Bloomington.		
Oakdale.	J. C. French.*	William S. Wilson.
Old Bethel.	E. A. Crooks.	Charles McElheny*
Princeton.		J. H. Pickens.
Selma.	S. Kingston, S. S.	William Francey.
Staunton.	G. W. Benn.†	
St. Louis.	M. M. Pearce.	
	J. G. Reed.	
IOWA PRESBYTERY.		
Hopkinton.	Louis Meyer.	T. J. Joseph.
Lake Reno.	J. R. W. Stevenson.	William Hogan.
Morning Sun.	C. D. Trumbull.	D. Kilpatrick.
Rehoboth.	J. A. Black.	J. B. Dodds.
Sharon.	T. P. Robb.	David Edgar.
Vernon.	Hugh McCarroll.†	E. I. Dewey.
Washington.	W. C. Allen.*	David Love.
	Isaiah Faris.	
KANSAS PRESBYTERY.		
Beulah.	J. S. McGaw.	Adam Walkinshaw.
Billings.	W. C. Paden, S. S.	Calvin L. Young*
Clarinda.	J. W. Dill.	James H. Sloane.
Denison.		A. McCloud Shaw.
Eskridge.	James McCune.	W. F. Young.
Holmwood.	R. A. Paden.*	
Kansas City.	A. J. McFarland, Jr.	
Long Branch.	J. M. Johnston.	J. H. Walkinshaw.
Olathe.	G. A. Edgar.	W. S. Mitchell.
Quinter.		A. G. Walkinshaw.
Sterling.		J. W. Dougherty.
Superior.	S. J. Johnston.	W. J. Elliott.
Wahoo.	M. A. Gault.	John Birnie.
Winchester.	D. H. Coulter.	David Logan.
	W. W. Carithers.	
	S. R. Wallace.	
LAKES PRESBYTERY.		
Belle Centre.	J. M. Faris, S. S.	Thomas Nelson.
Bellefontaine.	" " "	
Cedar Lake.	C. McLeod Smith.	
Cedarville.	W. J. Sanderson.	
Cincinnati.		J. E. Huheey.
Fair Grove.	T. C. Sproull, S. S.	
Southfield.	S. McCracken.	J. Milligan Henning.
United Miami.	R. Hargrave.	John Reid.

* Not present at the constitution of the Court.

† Ordained since last Meeting.

Congregations.

Ministers.

Elders.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA PRESBYTERY.

Cornwallis.	Thomas McFall.
Barnesville.	W. T. K. Thompson.
St. John.	" " " "

NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

First Boston.	Samuel McNaugher.	
Second Boston.	J. M. Foster.	
Bovina.	T. M. Slater.	
Brooklyn.	W. M. George.	J. W. Pritchard.
Cambridge.	S. G. Shaw.	
Coldenham.	Thomas Patton.	
Kortright.		G. G. McLaury.
First Newburgh.	J. W. F. Carlisle.	
Second New York.	R. M. Sommerville.	Henry O'Neill.
Third New York.	F. M. Foster.	Matthew Wilson.
Fourth New York.	I. A. Blackwood.	Robert McAfee.*
Walton.	R. C. Reed.*	Smith P. St. John.*
West Hebron.	T. A. McElwain.	
White Lake.	J. H. Pritchard.*	W. C. Stewart.

OHIO PRESBYTERY.

Jonathan's Creek.	J. C. Slater.	
New Concord.	A. A. Samson.	J. C. Robb.

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.

First Philadelphia.	T. P. Stevenson.	
Second Philadelphia.	J. C. McFeeters.	S. A. S. Metheny.
Third Philadelphia.	R. C. Montgomery.	Thomas J. Crozier.
	N. R. Johnston.	

PITTSBURG PRESBYTERY.

Allegheny.	W. J. Coleman.	D. S. Anderson.
Bear Run & Mahoning.		James Graham.
Beaver Falls.	J. S. Thompson.	D. P. White.
Central Allegheny.	J. W. Sproull.	W. A. Russell.*
College Hill.	R. H. Martin.*	John A. Dodds.
East End.	D. C. Martin.	William Blair.
Geneva.	H. G. Foster.	W. T. Anderson.
Little Beaver.	J. R. Wylie.	James McAnlis.
McKeesport and } Monongahela. }	B. M. Sharp.	
Mercer.	W. J. McKnight.	
Miller's Run.	S. G. Conner.	R. D. Scott.
New Alexandria.	R. J. Gault.	John R. Steele.
New Castle.	J. S. Martin.	Robert Speer.
North Union.		A. A. Dickey.
Oil Creek.	S. J. Crowe.	

*.Not present at the constitution of the Court.

*Congregations.**Ministers.**Elders.*

PITTSBURG PRESBYTERY (Continued).

Pine Creek.	A. Kilpatrick.	
Union.	" "	R. M. Dean.
Parnassus.	F. M. Wilson.	A. B. Copeland.
Pittsburg.	D. McAllister.	James A. McAteer.
Slippery Rock.	J. R. Latimer.	
Wilkinsburg.	R. C. Wylie.	Oliver Wylie.*
Youngstown.		John Ewing.
	H. H. George.	
	R. J. George.	
	W. P. Johnston.*	
	A. J. McFarland, Sr.	
	D. B. Willson.	
	E. M. Coleman.*	
	J. L. McCartney.	
	R. C. Allen.	
	T. J. Allen.	

ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

Almonte.	P. P. Boyd.	
Syracuse.	G. M. Robb.	James McClure.*
York.	J. B. Gilmore.	R. J. Cullings.
	William McFarland.	

VERMONT PRESBYTERY.

Barnet.	D. C. Faris.	
Craftsbury.	J. C. Taylor.	James Anderson.

Ministers Absent:—T. H. Acheson, P. J. McDonald, J. M. Armour, J. T. Wilson, J. M. Littlejohn, E. G. Elsey, W. S. Fulton, G. R. McBurney, S. M. Stevenson, J. Ralston Wylie, H. P. McClurkin, J. R. Thompson, T. A. Rusk, G. P. Raitt, P. H. Wylie, A. W. Johnston, E. F. Sherman, J. R. Baird, J. F. Crozier, J. C. K. Faris, John Galbraith, J. J. McClurkin, George Kennedy, R. J. McIsaac, J. L. Pinkerton, D. J. Shaw, A. M. Thompson, and Missionaries A. I. Robb, J. Boggs Dodds, R. J. Dodds, C. A. Dodds, Henry Easson, J. S. Stewart. 33. Total ministers 124.

Congregations not represented.:—Denver, Seattle, Church Hill, Chicago, Hickory Grove, Hebron, Tabor, Topeka, Second Newburgh, Londonderry, Muskingum and Tomica, North Salem, Utica, Baltimore, Rehoboth (Pa.), Brookland and Manchester, Clarksburg, Adamsville and Middletown, Salem, Lisbon, Lochiel, Ryegate, Sterling (N. Y.) 23. Total congregations 111.

Names dropped from the Roll:—By death, Charles Clyde. By withdrawal, R. M. Blackwood, Elmer McBurney.

* Not present at the constitution of the Court.

W. W. Carithers was elected Moderator. The Clerks were continued. T. M. Slater and W. M. George were appointed synodical reporters.

Voted that a committee be appointed to prepare a minute on the death of Charles Clyde. Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Presbyteries received permission to meet.

The Committee on Order of Business reported. The report, as amended and adopted, is as follows.:

Order of Business.

Wednesday, May 28, 7.30 P. M.—Sermon by retiring Moderator. Constitution of Synod.

Thursday, May 29, 9 A. M.—Reports of Committees on Order of Business; Devotional Exercises; Unfinished Business; Signs of the Times; Systematic Beneficence; Evangelistic Work; Temperance.

Thursday, 2 P. M.—Reports of Committees on Sabbath; Psalmody; Secret Societies; Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies.

Friday, May 30, 9 A. M.—Reports of Committees on Sustentation and Church Erection; Theological Seminary and Education; National Reform; Testimony Bearing.

Friday, 2 P. M.—Reports of Boards; Superintendents of Theological Seminary; Synod's Board of Trustees; Foreign Missions; Central Board of Missions.

Saturday, May 31, 9 A. M.—Reports; Synod's Treasurer; Corporators of Geneva College; Mission Conference.

Monday, June 2, 9 A. M.—Reports: Board of Control; Committees on Foreign Missions; Home Missions; Trustees of Geneva College; Committee on Traveling Fund.

Monday, 2 P. M.—Reports: Of Presbyteries; On Records of Presbyteries; On Presbyterial and Statistical Reports; On Finance.

Tuesday, June 3, 9 A. M.—Reports of Committees on Discipline; Supplies; Foreign Correspondence.

Hours for adjournment 12 M. and 5 P. M.

R. C. MONTGOMERY.

I. A. BLACKWOOD.

J. R. DILL.

Voted that a committee be appointed to send greetings to ministers absent through infirmity. Referred to Committee on Nominations.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported. Adopted and is as follows:

Devotional Exercises.

Your Committee would respectfully report the following program for devotional exercises for the present meeting of Synod :

Thursday, May 29.—Prayer for the present meeting of Synod,—That the Spirit may preside in all its deliberations and guide to such conclusions as seem good to Him, that the best interests of our beloved Zion may be conserved and the Head of the church very highly glorified by this meeting.
W. J. McKNIGHT, *Leader*.

Friday, May 30.—Prayer for the officers of the Church.

1. For the ministry,—That they may be wise in winning souls and faithful in defending the Church's covenanted position and attainments, and in indoctrinating the people in the same, and in encouraging them to steadfastness in the faith.

2. For the elders,—That they may be enabled to rule well and to watch for souls as those who must give an account.

3. For the deacons,—That they may use the office of deacon well, by being examples to the people in liberal and systematic giving and by encouraging them by all Scriptural means to larger liberality in support of the Lord's work.
F. M. FOSTER, *Leader*.

Saturday, May 31.—Prayer for the members of the Church,—That they may be more diligent in their closet, family, social and public Christian duties, in supporting the Church by their prayers and contributions, by loyalty to all her covenanted principles and practices, and by separation from all associations and organizations, social, business, civil, reformatory and religious, that fail to give our Savior King due honor.
ELDER J. BIRNIE, *Leader*.

Monday, June 2nd.—Prayer for the work of Testimony Bearing and National Reform,—That the Spirit may so bless this work that the Christian people of the land may have their eyes opened to see the gross dishonor to Christ in swearing allegiance to a Godless and Christless Constitution, that the ballot box on its present basis is a lamentable failure as a means of moral reform, and that the only position of real moral and reformatory power is with Christ outside the civil camp, where He has been left by the nation.

W. J. COLEMAN, *Leader*.

Tuesday, June 3.—Prayer for our missions and missionaries in the home land and in other lands,—That a Pentecostal baptism of the Spirit may be granted the Church, so there may be a true revival of the missionary spirit, that the missionaries may be endued with power from on high, that the gatherings may be increased many fold and that the converts may be made strong to meet persecution and to witness a good confession for Jesus Christ.

R. M. SOMMERVILLE, *Leader*.

Wednesday, June 4.—Prayer for the College and Theological Seminary,—That these institutions be made mighty spiritual agencies, as well as literary, scientific and theological, from which streams shall go forth to bless the city of our God.
D. B. WILSON, *Leader*.

We suggest that the last half hour of the morning sessions be devoted to these exercises, that the exercises consist mainly of prayer and praise, and that the prayers be brief and to the point. Jesus has said, "that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matt. 18: 18, 19. Let us in faith lay hold of his promise and with united hearts plead for these great interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom in the world, and the blessing will come.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. LATIMER,
W. S. FULTON,
Of the Committee.

Unfinished Business.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported the following items:

Item 1.—Committee on Revision of Psalms. W. J. Coleman, P. 7. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 2.—D. McAllister, Delegate to the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church, P. 32. Reported that, as the date for the meeting of the Christian Reformed Church is June 19th coming and as both the principal and the alternate are prevented by other engagements from attending at that time, they have done and can do nothing. J. McCracken was appointed in their place.

Item 3.—Delegate to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod, W. J. Sanderson, P. 31. Attended to.

Item 4.—Committee on State of Religion. R. M. Sommerville, Chairman, P. 66. No action, Synod having failed to appoint the committee. Ordered that a Committee on State of Religion be added to the list of Standing Committees, R. M. Sommerville to be Chairman for the first year.

Item 5.—Women's Association respecting charter, P. 71. D. McAllister reported. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Item 6.—Committee on Closer Relations with the Christian Reformed Church. R. J. George, P. 113. Reported as follows:

The Committee of Correspondence with a like Committee of the Christian Reformed Church would respectfully report:

Your Committee was appointed at the suggestion of the delegate from the Christian Reformed Church, who appeared before our Synod last year with a view to co-operation in certain lines of Christian effort common to both churches. We have received no communication from their committee and have nothing definite to report for this year.

We recommend that a similar committee be appointed for next year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. GEORGE,
J. MCCrackEN,
R. C. WYLIE,
Committee.

J McCracken, C. M. Smith and T. C. Sproull were made the Committee called for.

Item 7.—Committee on Distribution of Home Mission and Sustentation Funds, D. H. Coulter, P. 113. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 8.—Report of Committee on Discipline. Laid on the table at last synod, P. 117.

Moved to adopt the minority report. Laid on the table for the present.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was laid on the table for the present.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported. Items adopted.

Discussion was suspended, the hour for devotional exercises having arrived. W. J. McKnight led the meeting.

Recess was taken with prayer by A. G. Walkinshaw.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by R. D. Scott

The roll was called. The minutes of last night's and this morning's sessions were read, amended and approved.

The Moderator's sermon was requested for publication in the church papers.

Samuel McNaugher was chosen Moderator's Alternate to preach the sermon next year.

The bill for printing the Order of Business was referred to the Committee on Finance

Discussion of the report on Systematic Beneficence was resumed. The report was adopted, ordered published in the church papers and is as follows:

Systematic Beneficence.

I. WHY GIVE OF OUR MEANS TO GOD?

1. Because He requires it. Deut. 16 : 17 ; Lev. 27 : 30-32 ; 2nd Cor., chapters 7, 8 and 9.

2. Because of His exceeding precious promises to those who give. Prov. 3 : 10 , Mal. 3 : 10 ; Luke 6 : 38 ; 2nd Cor. 9 : 8-11 ; Phil. 4 : 19.

3. Because giving is a grace. 2nd Cor. 8 : 1, 8 Whether we shall make a practice of giving is no more an open question than whether we shall pray or believe.

4. Because it is in the line of common honesty. Mal. 3 : 8. The silver and gold are the Lord's. We are but the stewards of His gifts.

5. Because it is a fruitful source of happiness. Acts 20: 35.

That man may last, but never lives,
Who much receives, but nothing gives;
Whom none can love, whom none can thank,
Creation's blot, creation's blank.—*Gibbons*.

6. Because it is a means of getting. Psal. 37: 3; Prov. 11: 24, 25; Isa. 58: 11.

7. Because it is the noblest end of money-making. Eph. 4: 28.

"But for one end are riches worth your care:
To make humanity the minister
Of bounteous Providence."

8. Because God's kingdom needs it. We are accustomed to pray, "Thy kingdom come." God's kingdom will come whenever we really want it to come. Our gifts are the token of our sincerity. Our money will answer our prayer.

9. Because it is following the example of our Lord. He was the greatest of all givers. He gave His time, physical and intellectual strength, personal endowments, life, Himself. Loving to give, He freely gave us all. Are gold and frankincense and myrrh too precious to lay before Him? Is ointment of spikenard too costly to anoint His feet—the feet that were shod with the sandals of salvation and pierced with the nails that retribution forged for us?

II. HOW GIVE TO GOD.

1. From principle. 2nd Cor. 8: 5. The first gift is self. After that everything is easy. But if self be withheld in the outset, in everything we are small and stingy, reluctant and parsimonious forevermore.

2. Cheerfully. 2nd Cor. 8: 3; 9: 7. Not as a deep well gives to the toiler at the windlass, but as a fountain gives to the wounded hart that stands panting at its brink.

3. Liberally. 2nd Cor. 8: 2, 3, 7. God gives liberally. Those who are taught by Him and are seeking to be like Him will give as He does. The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Is anything too good for Him? Would everything be too much?

4. Regularly. 1st Cor. 16: 2. A long prayer said on special occasions will never develop to any extent the true spirit of prayer which is to be without ceasing. No more will a large gift, now and then, develop to any extent the true spirit of giving. God gives to us day by day and hour by hour. We should give regularly to Him.

5. Systematically. 1st Cor. 16: 2. This introduces the thought of proportion as well as regularity, and leads to the question

III. HOW MUCH SHOULD WE GIVE TO GOD?

Answer—What He requires.

What does He require?

1. That we give, at the very least, one-tenth of all our income. Lev. 27: 30-32; Mal. 3: 10; Matt. 23: 23. The tithe is the only invariable, divinely revealed and universally recognized standard of the remote past, and, so far as we can see, it remains the only one for the present.

2. That we give free-will offerings over and above the tithe. Deut. 16: 17; 1st Cor. 16: 2; 2nd Cor. 8: 1-7.

3. That we hold all at His disposal. Luke 21: 2-4.

That God required the above under the O. T. dispensation no one doubts. And certainly He requires no less under the N. T. dispensation, with its greater privileges and richer blessings. Surely I owe God as much as Abraham did. Besides, the N. T. Scriptures leave no doubt on this subject.

IV. HOW GIVE THE TITHE?

Mal. 3: 10 gives the Divine answer. As a rule, it is to be brought into the Church treasury. Let the Church have the credit, the honor of all the gifts to her Lord.

It is our judgment that this whole matter of giving rests largely with the officers of the people—the deacons, elders, pastors and teachers. Both experience and observation have taught us that wise, patient, self-sacrificing leadership will in nearly every instance bring the great body of the people up to the Divine requirement and the human need. The fact that giving is one of the largest topics of the Bible, together with the fact that it is a grace to be cultivated and developed, as prayer, faith, love, etc., emphasizes the importance of the subject and the folly and shame of those leaders who are too faint-hearted or too sanctimonious to talk about money. Money is just as essential in its place as are the Christian graces in their place, and yet many, far too many, “have allowed this instrument of God to fall out of its spiritual relation, until it has come to be kind of a side issue, a material, secular necessity for which we apologize, instead of pushing it to the front as one of the great spiritual agencies of the Church of Jesus Christ.” The officers of the Church, especially the ministry, need to emphasize this subject. Nor need they hesitate to present the claims of Christ through His Church, even though it seem to be at the peril of their own personal support. Our experience has been that the officer who conscientiously discharges his duty in this respect will not suffer at the hands of his people.

We therefore recommend

1. That all deacons, elders, and especially pastors, earnestly, wisely, patiently and persistently urge upon those over whom the Lord hath placed them, the importance of the subject of giving and the duty of giving according to the Bible standard.

2. That the officers thoroughly familiarize themselves with, and keep prominently before their people, the financial needs of the Lord's work as carried on by our own Church, and press upon them the privilege, duty and reward of supporting the same.

3. That the Boards of the Church report to the members thereof, especially the officers, the amount of money that can be wisely used in every field under their care and base their plea for help on the same.

4. That *Synod's Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence* themselves contribute articles, and solicit articles from the ministry and laity of the Church, on the subject of giving, its law, methods, results in their respective localities, etc., and secure the publication of the same in the Church periodicals.

J. S. MARTIN,

S. MCNAUGHER.

J. R. W. STEVENSON,

J. W. CAVAN.

The Committee on the Signs of the Times reported. Completed, adopted and is as follows:

Signs of the Times.

The Committee on the Signs of the Times would respectfully report:

CAUSES OF HUMILIATION BEFORE GOD.

I. We mourn for our own sins. We have so little faith in, and love to, Christ. How little we experience of the power of true Godliness! This is the fountain sin from which flow many streams of pollution. We do so little for Christ. Zeal for the house of God consumes but few souls; not many have a burning desire for the salvation of men. The ordinances yield but little fruit. We lament our failure to bear true and full testimony to the whole truth of the Gospel. We are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; nor do we witness for the claims of Christ upon the Church with that fidelity and earnestness that these claims demand.

II. We mourn the divided state of the Church, caused by corruption of her doctrine, worship and government. So many church members are in sworn connection with unchristian systems, both social and political. The ordinances are neglected. The ways of Zion do mourn. Conformity to the world prevails. The Church fails to apply the law of Christ faithfully to the commercial and political theories and practices of our times.

III. The sins of social and civil life. We have to lament that the principles of the Gospel are yet extensively denied, or, at least, exert but little influence upon the social and civil life. Only here and there is any voice raised to urge the supremacy of Christ over the nation. And how weak are the demands made on our civil rulers to recognize and submit to the dominion of Christ in their official life; and this even when they openly violate the law

of our God. We lament the open immoralities of our land. The name of God is blasphemed, and the oath abused; the Sabbath is profaned; murder defiles our land with blood; licentiousness prevails. Sins of every kind, both against God and man, are committed daily, and these national evils are persisted in in the very face of God's providential warnings. Our President fell by the assassin's bullet. Statesmen and Jurists have been called suddenly before the bar of God to answer for their official and personal acts; many souls have been hurried into eternity by the blows of His hand. He has filled the places with dead bodies; vast amounts of property have been swept away by fire and flood, and the crops have been wasted by the drouth. And yet how few, in these providences, see the iron sceptre of the King of Nations, with which he breaks the potsherds of the earth. We mourn that our land persists in its national atheism and its violation of the law of Christ, even when God calls for humbled hearts.

We recommend that Synod appoint Thursday of the Week of Prayer, 1902, as a day for humiliation and prayer to God that His anger may be turned away, and that His face may shine upon us and on our land.

REASONS FOR THANKSGIVING.

As a church, we have not had to experience any peculiar tokens of wrath, but have been made to enjoy many favors. The ordinances have been dispensed with evidences of the gracious presence of our King. The testimony of the Church has not been altogether ineffectual. The truth has been proclaimed and owned by the Master. There are still evidences that the testimony for Christ and His truth will yet prevail. The duty of the followers of Jesus Christ to separate, practically, from social and political evils is still being urged. God by His providences still raises up instruments to oppose the prevailing evils of the times.

We should also be thankful for the indications that Jesus Christ is on the throne and directs His providences toward the overthrow of evil. The world shakes in the throes of revolution and change. His judgments are abroad in the land and the inhabitants of the world must learn righteousness. In the earthquake and volcano, in the tornado and fire and flood, He utters His voice, and is calling men to return to duty and to God.

We should also be thankful for the continuance of common mercies. Food is given and raiment is not withheld. With food and gladness, he fills our hearts with joy. We can worship under our vine and enjoy peace in our borders.

We recommend that Synod, in public recognition of the goodness of God to our homes, to our Church, and to our land, appoint the last Thursday of November, 1902, as a day of thanksgiving and praise.

A. KILPATRICK,
T. A. McELWAIN,
Of the Committee.

The Committee on Evangelistic Work reported. Adopted after prayer by C. D. Trumbull and is as follows:

Evangelistic Work.

Your Committee on Evangelistic Work would respectfully report:

To evangelize the world is God's purpose and work. The outcome is never in doubt, for truth and light and right and grace and God are mightier than error and darkness and wrong and sin and Satan. God does not fail nor is He discouraged. His counsels stand forever and "the thoughts of His heart from generation to generation."

The means for this work are sufficient to its accomplishment. The Word is "quick and powerful." The cross is the "power of God." The Spirit is the spirit of all might. Divine grace is irresistible and the call of God is certainly efficacious. There is no question about the work being successful, but only about our having an honorable part in promoting that success.

The Church stands between her visions and her tasks, between the willing God and the waiting world. It is all of life to us that the Church shall enter into the will of God and do the work. That we may not fail there are three manifest needs:

1. A zeal for holiness within our hearts that shall be like the consuming fire of God's presence; a burning such as filled the heart of Christ when He made a whip of small cords and drove the money changers out of the temple, and the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changer's money and overthrew the tables, and the disciples remembered that it was written, "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." The surprise of the disciples was not that Christ was displeased, but that His spirit was so stirred up within Him that He would not endure the profanation. "Zeal" comes from a word which means "to boil." Christ's spirit was at the boiling point. Other men looked at that scene in the temple and their hearts were warm with indignation. Christ's was hot, and one man with his heart on fire for the honor of God is a greater power than any number of luke-warm ones. Brainerd prayed, "O that I might be a flame of fire in the hand of my God."

2. Another need of the Church is the fire of prophecy. No man should pray thoughtlessly for the Holy Ghost as fire, but in view of the glorious Gospel committed unto our Church we are debtor to all the world. If our Church does not herald her message, she is dishonored. It is our weal or our woe. It is our glory or our shame. Our only help is in God. Even Jeremiah, who by Divine grace became "a defenced city with iron pillars and brazen walls" against the whole land, would have given up his work if God had allowed him. He confesses, "I said 'I will not make mention of Him nor speak any more in His name, but His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing and I could not stay.'" When Peter

and John were commanded to "speak no more nor teach in the name of Jesus," they answered, "We cannot but speak." There is a holy compelling which made Jeremiah to be a prophet and Peter and John to be apostles, and that alone is sufficient to our needs.

It was said of Stephen, "They were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake." The answers were right and they were hot. When questions were arrows, answers were burning arrows. They could no doubt have resisted the "wisdom," if he had had less "spirit," and they could no doubt have resisted the spirit, if he had had less wisdom. But they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake. To be able to face the world and always give an answer in cold blood is alarming. Apathy is fatal to a prophet. Indifference can be so circumspect and prudent and seasonable and powerless. Paul exhorted Timothy that he should be "instant in season and out of season." Standing on the mark like a racer who is not yet permitted to go, but who is all alert, every faculty and power at attention until the word is given that he may leap to his opportunity.

Wendell Philipps defended Lovejoy from the charge of "imprudence" and he said, "What world-wide benefactors these imprudent men are! How prudently most men creep into nameless graves, while now and then one or two forget themselves into immortality!" If the Covenanter Church could remember only her God and her duty, she might forget herself into life eternal and unfading glory.

3. But we not only need zealous purity and burning prophecy, but fervent piety. The Covenanter Church is a praying people. Like Daniel, we are accustomed to seek regularly the throne of Grace. No one expects to go into a Covenanter home without finding a family altar. There are trysting places in every parish where prayer is wont to be made. We need not so much greater regularity as greater fervency. James says "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

"Fervent" has the same root-meaning as "zealous"—boiling. "Boiling prayer availeth much." It is one of the great discoveries of natural science that water at the boiling point has power. It has none when cold. It is dead weight. But the water that you carry when it is cold will carry you when it is hot. It will take you over land and sea. It makes the new ship to throb and tremble and quiver like a mighty living creature. So it is with prayer. It is powerless cold; it has no strength at blood-heat, but boiling prayer will have its way if it has to move mountains. Elijah is mentioned as a man of fervent prayer. When Elijah prayed, we read "he cast himself down upon the earth with his face between his knees." Jacob was a prince in prayer, but he wrestled. Paul was mighty in prayer, but he says to the Colossians, "I would that ye knew how great conflict I have for you." Jesus prayed in an agony and the "Spirit maketh intercession with groanings which cannot be uttered."

It is recommended that for the work of evangelizing the world the supreme need of the Covenanter Church in the present hour is fire—the fire of purity and the fire of prophecy and the fire of piety.

Respectfully submitted,

W. McLEOD GEORGE, *Chairman.*

J. McLEAN JOHNSTON,

JOHN C. SLATER.

The Committee on Temperance reported. Items 1-3 adopted, 4 recommitted.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to Rev. W. P. Stevenson of the Presbyterian Church.

The Committee on the Sabbath reported. Laid on the table, to be taken up first to-morrow morning.

The Committee on Psalmody reported. Report adopted and is as follows:

Psalmody.

The Committee on Psalmody respectfully reports:

The Chairman of the Committee drew up a report, and forwarded it on the 31st of March, with the signature of one of the elders, William Martin of Allegheny, to the others of the Committee. The report has miscarried, and in place of it the members of the Committee present submit the following:

There has been of late a revival of interest in the inspired Psalms. In 1899, the Committee had reported the work of revision as seemingly at an end, when in an unexpected way it was renewed by the concern of the representatives of the Canada Presbyterian Church. Now, for two years the work has progressed till the greater part of it has been done, and we may hope that in a few years a Revised Psalter will appear, the joint work of delegates from many denominations. We trust that the claims of the inspired Psalter will appear by that time more clear and urgent in the minds of those who use the hymns in place of Psalms.

We refer, therefore, in this connection to the Belfast International Conference on Psalm Singing, in August of this year. The introduction of hymns into the Scotch and Irish Presbyterian churches has led to the call for this Conference; and the importance cannot be over-estimated. The program shows the large view taken of the subject. Three topics have been assigned to our representatives: Christ in the Psalms—his reign. Objections to the use of the Psalms considered; The relation of inspired Psalmody to the Spiritual life. We should regret the absence of a delegate from this church, under the circumstances.

We have referred to these matters that have to do with the use of the Psalms in the praise of God, as we cherish a deep concern in these two movements. By request, we have arranged for a Purity of Worship Conference on Thursday evening, May 29. Dr. C. D. Trumbull to preside. Addresses as follows: Rev. T. H. Acheson,

"The Book of Psalms a Complete Manual of Praise;" Dr. R. J. George, "Instrumental Music a Corruption of New Testament Worship;" Rev. J. B. Gilmore, "Psalm Singers in the Struggle for Civil and Religious Liberty;" Dr. R. M. Sommerville, "Christ in the Psalms." The other things we have in mind we embody in the following recommendations:

I. Synod urges careful attention by the ministry to the preparation of the Explanation of the Psalms--to commend the Psalms as the vehicle of praise.

II. Synod urges the duty of church officers to provide for the people the literature on Psalmody in the hands of the Testimony-Bearing Committee.

III. Synod urges parents not to intermit the singing of Psalms as a part of family worship.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. WILLSON,

H. G. FOSTER,

WM. MCFARLAND,

Of the Committee.

Paper No. 2.—Report of Committee on Joint Revision of the Psalms, signed by E. R. Craven, W. J. Dey and J. D. Steele, was read.

Item 1 of unfinished business, Committee on Revision of Psalms, W. J. Coleman, P. 7, was taken from the table. Reported as follows:

Joint Revision of the Psalms.

Your Committee appointed to co-operate with like committees of other churches in preparing a uniform metrical version of the Psalms would respectfully report that, during the past year, two regular sessions of the Joint Committee have been held, each of ten days duration, one in Knox College, Toronto, in August, the other in the United Presbyterian Seminary, Allegheny, in April. In the August meeting, the third book, consisting of Psalms 73-89, was revised; in April the fourth book, Psalms 90-106.

The progress of our work is not rapid, and the longer we continue in this revision the more slowly we seem to advance. For this very reason, however, we believe, the results reached are more satisfactory and will better stand the test of use. It is felt by all engaged in this work that too much care cannot be given to this revision.

The harmony and unanimity prevailing among the members of the Joint Committee, which consists of representatives of nine different churches, trained in as many different schools of thought, are not a little remarkable, and from this general agreement we feel in good measure assured, that the revision when completed will meet the desires and secure the favor of the members of all these churches and, we trust, of many others also. The prospect is that the time that will be required to complete this first revision, to provide a few second versions, and then to give a second revis-

ion to the whole Psalter, will not be less than about two and one-half years. This may seem a long time to wait for results, but we all feel that it will be time well spent, if all Psalm-singing churches can unite on this as a uniform version, and if hymn-singing churches will select from this a much larger portion of psalmody than those they have been accustomed to use, or happily take it as the sole expression of praise in song addressed to the Lord who has inspired and authorized this incomparable book. We recommend that fifteen dollars be appropriated from the Literary Fund to pay the printing and other incidental expenses of the Joint Committee.

W. J. COLEMAN.
DAVID MCALLISTER.
T. P. STEVENSON.

Paper No. 8 — Letter from J. W. S. Lowry, Organizing Secretary of Psalm-singer's Conference was read. J. C. McFeeters, Chairman of Conference Committee reported as follows:

Committee on Psalmody-Conference.

The members of the Committee being so widely separated from one another no meeting has been held. By correspondence the Committee has chosen Dr. D. B. Willson, Dr. D. C. Martin and Dr. W. J. Coleman, to prepare papers to be read at the Conference to be held in Belfast, Ireland, during the present summer. We have not been able to find any delegates who are intending to be present at the Conference.

J. C. McFEETERS.
Chairman of Committee.

Adjourned with prayer by D. C. Faris.

SAME PLACE, FRIDAY, May 30.

MORNING SESSION.

Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called. The minutes were read and approved. The Moderator appointed the following committees.

For This Meeting.

Nominations: T. M. Slater, R. J. Gault, W. C. Paden, D. P. White, Wm. Hogan.

Foreign Missions: R. C. Wylie, J. S. Thompson, J. K. Robb, James McAteer, J. B. Dodds.

Home Missions: C. D. Trumbull, R. C. Montgomery, J. R. Wylie, Henry O'Neill, W. T. Anderson.

Foreign Correspondence: Louis Meyer, Isaiah Faris, John Johnston, David Edgar, John A. Dodds.

Sustentation and Church Erection: S. J. Johnston, R. H. Martin, J. C. Taylor, A. A. Dickey, Jno. Ewing.

Theological Seminary and Education: D. S. Faris, D. H. Coulter, H. G. Foster, W. J. Elliott, J. C. Robb.

Discipline: T. P. Robb, J. C. McFeeters, G. A. Edgar, David Logan, John R. Steele.

Finance: F. M. Foster, J. McCracken, J. Milligan Wylie, D. S. Anderson, Oliver Wylie.

Supplies: T. P. Stevenson, D. B. Willson, E. A. Crooks, Wm. S. Wilson, John Birnie.

Traveling Fund: J. A. Black and the financial agent of each presbytery.

On Records of Presbyteries.

Colorado: S. R. Wallace, I. A. Blackwood, S. G. Connor, Wm. Francey, Jas. H. Sloane.

Illinois: R. C. Allen, G. R. McBurney, N. R. Johnston, J. H. Walkinshaw, Thos. Nelson.

Iowa: R. Hargrave, J. S. McGaw, J. W. F. Carlisle, W. S. Mitchell, A. B. Copeland.

Kansas: J. C. French, Sam'l McNaugher, W. T. K. Thompson, Matthew Willson, Jas. Graham.

Lakes: W. M. George, J. R. Latimer, J. S. McGaw, Jas. McAnlis, Rob't Speer.

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia: W. C. Allen, R. C. Reed, E. M. Coleman, T. J. Crozier, J. S. English.

New York: D. C. Faris, T. J. Allen, Jas. Patton, T. J. Joseph, Calvin L. Young.

Ohio: Hugh McCarroll, T. A. McElwain, J. C. K. Faris, D. Kilpatrick, Geo. A. Calderwood.

Philadelphia: J. M. Foster, S. Kingston, J. C. Taylor, A. McCloud Shaw, G. G. McLaury.

Pittsburg: Thos. McFall, J. G. Reed, Wm. McFarland, W. F. Young, R. J. Cullings.

Rochester: J. R. W. Stevenson, J. F. Crozier, Geo. Kennedy, A. G. Walkinshaw, W. C. Stewart.

Vermont: G. W. Benn, J. S. Martin, R. J. Gault, J. E. Huheey, John A. Dodds.

Standing Committees:

Unfinished Business: S. G. Shaw and T. C. Sproull.

Order of Business: D. C. Martin, W. J. Coleman, Jas. Patton, J. W. Dougherty, W. A. Russell.

Devotional Exercises: A. J. McFarland, Sr., John H. Pritchard, J. L. McCartney, Smith P. St. John, R. M. Dean.

Evangelistic Work: R. J. McIsaac, R. A. Paden, A. J. McFarland, Jr., W. A. Russell, Rob't McAfee.

State of Religion: R. M. Sommerville, D. McAlister, S. Kingston, A. Walkinshaw, Wm. Blair.

National Reform: C. McLeod Smith, A. Kilpatrick, P. P. Boyd, David Love, R. D. Scott.

Sabbath: J. B. Gilmore, M. A. Gault, J. C. Slater, E. I. Dewey, J. Reed.

Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies: Jas. McCune, T. H. Acheson, B. M. Sharp, Jas. McClure, John W. Pritchard.

Secret Societies: W. J. McKnight, H. H. George, P. J. McDonald, Robert McAfee, David Darrah.

Psalmody: M. M. Pearce, Thos. Patton, T. J. Wilson, C. C. Faris, J. M. Henning.

Temperance: R. J. George, J. M. Faris, S. J. Crowe, J. H. Pickens, S. A. S. Metheny.

Signs of the Times: W. J. Sanderson, F. M. Wilson, J. W. Dill, Rob't Kyle, Thos. J. Crozier.

Systematic Beneficence: A. A. Samson, G. M. Robb, D. C. Faris, Geo. Martin, J. W. Rose.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, laid upon the table, was made the first order of the day for Tuesday afternoon.

The report of the Committee on National Reform was made the order of the day for three o'clock this afternoon.

Voted that a committee of three be appointed to report on the Chinese question to morrow morning. Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Paper No. 4.—Statement of D. S. Faris respecting legacy. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

J. B. Gilmore was added to the staff of Synod's reporters.

Paper No. 1.—Letter from the Synod of Ireland. Read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Paper No. 3.—Letter from the Pozsony Reformed Presbytery. Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 4.—Report of Western Section of Alliance of Reformed Church, signed by Robert P. Kerr and W. H. Roberts. Read and laid on the table for the present.

Papers Nos. 7-16.—Reports of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 17.—Report of Anna M. Sproull, Treasurer. Same action.

Paper No. 18. Petition of Martha Cannon. Same action.

Paper No. 19. Report of J. W. Pritchard on Clyde Homestead Fund. Same action.

Paper No. 20.—Report of J. S. Tibby, Treasurer. Same action.

Paper No. 21.—Letter from J. R. Baird. Referred to the Committee on Correspondence with ministers absent through infirmity.

The report of the Committee on the Sabbath was taken from the table. Item 1 was adopted.

Devotional exercises were held, F. M. Foster leading.

Recess was taken, with prayer by J. W. Dougherty.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by James A. McAteer.

The roll was called. W. C. Allen, French, W. P. Johnston, McAfee, McClure, R. A. Paden and William S. Wilson failed to answer, but nearly all soon appeared, Johnston and Paden for the first. The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following, which was adopted:

Committee on the Death of Rev. Charles Clyde.

P. P. Boyd, D. C. Faris, David Love.

Committee on Chinese Question,

N. R. Johnston, J. L. McCartney, Robert Speer.

Committee to Write to Ministers Absent through Infirmary.

To J. R. Baird—J. W. Dill.

To T. H. Acheson—William McFarland.

To H. P. McClurkin—R. C. Allen.

To John Galbraith—S. R. Wallace.

To J. J. McClurkin—J. C. Taylor.

To D. J. Shaw—R. C. Montgomery.

To Henry Easson—T. A. McElwain.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary reported. Referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and Education.

The Board of Sustentation reported. Referred to the Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection.

The Board of Church Erection reported. Referred to the same committee and to the Committee on Finance.

The Mission Conference reported. Referred to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Home Missions.

D. Chesnut submitted the report of Synod's Board of Trustees, the Opinion of Synod's Attorneys concerning the Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association and the report of Synod's Treasurer. All referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on National Reform reported, Paper No. 22. Report of the National Reform Association, signed by S. F. Scovel, John McNaugher and T. P. Stevenson, was read. The report of the Committee was received. T. P. Stevenson was heard. Recommendations 1 and 2 were adopted. Item of finance in 3 referred to the Committee on Finance, 4 recommitted.

In compliance with the request of the National Reform Association, the second Sabbath of September was recommended to our families and congregations as a day of prayer for public and private schools.

The report of the Committee on the Sabbath was taken up and consideration of recommendation 2 resumed.

Adjourned with prayer by R. M. Sommerville.

SAME PLACE, SATURDAY, May 31.

Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called. Carlisle, McClure, Metheny and T. M. Slater were absent. Metheny and Slater soon appeared. The minutes were read and approved.

Invitations for next meeting were received from Hopkinton, Oakland and Wahoo. The invitation from Hopkinton was accepted.

The matter of 2nd Newburgh's continued failure to contribute its quota of the Traveling Fund, was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The Committee on Nominations was instructed to report a committee on railroads for next year.

The Special Railroad Agents' bill for \$11.00 was referred to the Committee on Traveling Fund.

Selma congregation received permission to compute its quota of the Traveling Fund this year upon the basis of its present membership.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence was directed to draft a letter to the Synod of Scotland.

The order of the day, report of Committee on Chinese Question, was postponed.

Paper No. 23, request of Kansas Presbytery for advice, was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following, which was amended and adopted :

Committee on Railroads for Next Synod,

J. W. Pritchard, Louis Meyer, C. D. Trumbull, J. S. Martin, J. W. Cavan.

The Board of Trustees of Geneva College reported. Referred to Committee on Theological Seminary and Education and Committee on Finance.

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College reported. Referred to the same committees.

The Board of Foreign Missions reported. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions and Committee on Finance.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to Rev. J. B. Knappenberger of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Paper No. 6, Minutes of the Syrian Commission was read, approved and is as follows :

Minutes of the Syrian Commission of Synod.

LATAKIA, SYRIA, March 24, 1902.

The Syrian Commission of Synod met at the call of the Clerk and was constituted by prayer by Rev. J. S. Stewart, former Chairman, at 2 o'clock P. M.

At calling of the roll, J. S. Stewart, R. J. Dodds, J. Boggs Dodds, J. M. Balph, C. A. Dodds and W. M. Moore answered to their names.

Rev. Henry Easson absent.

Election of officers followed, resulting in choice of R. J. Dodds as Chairman and W. M. Moore as clerk for ensuing year.

Owing to the absence of Chairman (H. Easson), the sermon was preached by R. J. Dodds from 1 Cor. 2 : 2.

On motion, it was decided that the Commission indicate the studies to be pursued by Mr. D. S. Demetriades (theological student) during the ensuing year and assign him subjects for discourses, as specimens of improvement.

C. A. Dodds and W. M. Moore were appointed as a committee to prepare a minute on the withdrawal of Rev. Henry Easson and wife from the Mission field and to present same at the next session.

Agreed to take recess.

Prayer by Chairman.

Recess.

Commission met at the appointed hour and was led in prayer by J. M. Balph.

On motion, it was decided to hear the "specimen of improvement" of the student of Theology, D. S. Demetriades, who is under care of this Commission.

Mr. Demetriades gave an address in English from II Tim. 2 : 12, and an extemporaneous address in modern Greek from the same text.

A motion of commendation and approval of the progress made by Mr. Demetriades was passed.

Motion "That we ask Synod to publish an edition of 2,000 copies of the Arabic Psalter, which will contain but one version of each psalm, and that the book be printed in type No. 1 and that J. S. Stewart be appointed to correspond with Synod on this subject and urge immediate action." Carried.

Motion to appoint one representative from each Mission Center to select versions of Psalms and to present same at next session.

Committee on minute relating to the withdrawal of Rev. Henry Easson and wife from the Mission field reported as follows :

"Inasmuch as failure of health has necessitated the withdrawal of Rev. Henry Easson, for a time at least, from his work in the Mission field, we as a Commission desire to express our sympathy with our brother—we might almost say, our father—Mr. Easson, and his devoted wife, in view of the Providence that has compelled their reluctant retirement from the scene of their many years of work and labor of love.

Also we wish to record our appreciation of the Christian graces with which they have adorned the doctrine of God our Saviour, and of their many years of self-denying service both in Syria and Cyprus, and to express the hope that, if the will of God be so, they may be permitted to return in renewed health, to take up again the work from which they have been laid aside."

C. A. DODDS,
W. M. MOORE,
Committee.

Motion to adopt the above minute carried.

Adjourned by motion to meet following morning.
Prayer by R. J. Dodds.

9 A.M., TUESDAY, March 25, 1902.

Commission met at hour appointed and was constituted by prayer by C. A. Dodds.

On motion, Mr. Demetriades was directed to continue study of Hodge's outlines of theology, to complete Green's Introduction to Old Testament and Kerr's Introduction to New Testament, and to take up, as occasion should indicate, church history, Westcott on canon of New Testament and Homiletics and Pastoral Theology.

Motion that, when the Commission adjourns, it adjourn to meet in Mersine in March, 1903, at call of the Chairman, carried.

Motion that next opening sermon be preached by Rev. J. S. Stewart and that C. A. Dodds be his alternate, carried.

On motion, records of the Sessional and Pastoral work presented by Suadea, Cyprus and Latakia Centers was approved.

Chairman gave following subjects to Mr. Demetriades as "specimens of improvement" to be heard at next meeting. For sermon, Eph. 2 : 18 ; for lecture, Luke 15 : 3-7 ; for an essay, "Persecution of Covenanters in Scotland "

Minutes read and corrected.

On motion, minutes were approved and adopted as corrected.

On motion, Commission adjourned to meet in Mersine in March, 1903.

Prayer by Rev. J. S. Stewart.

W. M. MOORE.
Clerk.

Financial item was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Central Board of Missions reported. Referred to Committee on Home Mission and Committee on Finance

Paper No. 24, Report on Philadelphia Jewish Mission. Referred to Committees on Home Missions, Finance and Discipline.

The Committee on Testimony Bearing reported. Adopted and is as follows :

Testimony Bearing.

The Committee on Testimony Bearing would respectfully report that the condition, need and opportunities of our work are much the same as in former years. The political condition of our country has not changed for the better, so that the need for our work is as imperative as ever. The opportunity to present the Christian principles of civil government as applied to the nation and to its citizens is open and inviting. No church in this country, one or two being excepted, takes a position in its authoritative standards against the principle that Christ is the King of nations, nor does

any church require its members to vote at civil elections; and, when the duty of this nation to repent and to accept Christ and of Christians to cease swearing to carry on our government according to a Christless constitution is presented faithfully and with love, the message is readily given audience. Not that all who hear are ready to accept it, but the pungent, personal application of this message awakens interest and close attention among all hearers. That a vote of thanks is sometimes extended to speakers on this topic and the lecturer is often invited to return proves that those who hear this message do not consider its presentation a breach of Christian courtesy. Dr. A. J. McFarland, Synod's lecturer, reports in brief as follows: "For the greater part of the year the work has been carried on in Western Pennsylvania and in Eastern and Central Ohio. The conditions and opportunities being mainly the same in all parts of the country, it has not seemed to me advisable to go far away when the work could be done as effectually near at hand.

"About the same proportion of the work has been done outside of the Covenanter Church in the past year as has been done in former years. As to outside places, while in some instances it was the second visit, in the greater number it was my first appearance, secured by the willing and hearty commendation of brethren in whose churches I had been given a second hearing and who kindly offered their aid in obtaining hearings in other places."

Literature has been sent out as called for and Dr. McFarland has used a large number of tracts in his work. All the congregations of the Church have been supplied with tracts on Close Communion and Psalmody. As the electrotypes plates of our principal tracts have been destroyed by fire, we have taken occasion to have these arguments revised. The loss of the plates was not serious as they were nearly worn out.

We expect to send out literature more largely this year than for several years past, and we trust that funds shall be contributed in excess of our regular current expenditures that may be used for this purpose. The value of these printed arguments is so great in comparison with the expense of printing and mailing that it seems to be a method of agitation that should be constantly prosecuted.

The Christian Citizenship Conference held in Allegheny, February-24th and 25th, in which the principles of our testimony with regard to civil government and the duty of individual citizens, were presented in an extended programme, was a new development of our work. The speakers were all present, the addresses vigorous and pointed, the Conference well attended and the expense more than met by a subscription taken beforehand for that purpose. The students of the Theological Seminary started a subscription to publish the addresses and secured enough money to pay for about 2,500 copies of the report. A committee of the students also secured the manuscripts of the speakers, arranged for the printing, read the proof and fixed the price at which the reports should be sold.

The total receipts for the year have been \$1,242.97, the balance in treasury is \$295.45.

We recommend :

1. That a liberal appropriation be made to this cause, not less than in former years.
2. That the Rev. Dr. A. J. McFarland be re-elected Synod's lecturer on Testimony Bearing.
3. That we urge our people to contribute so liberally to this cause that a large amount of literature may be sent out and that they also engage actively in circulating this literature.
4. That conferences on the subject of Political Loyalty to the Lord Jesus be held in different parts of the church, wherever sufficient interest can be concentrated to give a good basis of support.

W. J. COLEMAN,
B. M. SHARP,
R. J. GAULT.

The Committee on Discipline reported. Recommendation 1 adopted ; 2 laid on the table ; 3 stricken out.

Devotional exercises were conducted by John Birnie.

Adjourned with prayer by J. K. Robb.

SAME PLACE, MONDAY, June 2.

MORNING SESSION.

Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. Roll-call was omitted. The minutes were read and approved.

Item in the report of the Finance Committee respecting petition of Martha Cannon was adopted.

Voted that Professor D. B. Willson be appointed to formulate a letter in reply to the communication received from Dr. William H. Roberts, Secretary of the Presbyterian Alliance, expressing the dissent of Synod from some acts and deliverances of the Alliance referred to in his letter to us.

The Board of Control reported. Certain items were referred to Committees on Nominations and Finance. Adopted and is as follows :

Report of Synod's Board of Control.

Your Board held two meetings last fall and one this spring.

The application of five ministers received favorable consideration. One of these, Dr. H. P. McClurkin, filed his application after the meeting of Synod.

Twelve widows received help from the fund for widows and orphans of deceased ministers.

Eleven students of theology drew from the Students' Aid Fund.

For the entire financial detail, we refer you to the report of Treasurer, John T. Morton.

We submit the following queries, which, with approval, will be used in the distribution of the Students' Aid Fund. We ask that the Fund for Widows and Orphans be granted an appropriation of \$2,000, Aged Ministers' Fund \$1,500.00, Students' Aid Fund \$1,000.00.

The time for which J. A. Black and L. M. Samson were chosen expires this year, and we ask that their successors be chosen.

R. P. McClement, re elected last year to serve until 1905, has removed beyond our bounds, and asks that his place be filled.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. ROBB, *Secretary*.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THOSE APPLYING FOR SHARE OF STUDENTS' AID FUND.

Ques. 9. Can you go forward in your studies this year, without involving yourself in debt?

10. What is your estimate of the amount required to meet the expenses of the current year?

11. What is the amount of money you can command to meet these expenses?

BOARD OF CONTROL.

The Committee on Discipline submitted a partial report. As amended and adopted, it is as follows:

Discipline.

In the matter of the Second Congregation of Newberg, we recommend:

1. The Second Congregation of Newburg is under moral obligations to pay this reasonable requirement of Synod, unless they are financially unable to meet it.

2. Since this matter has been referred to several times in the past, your Committee recommend that the New York Presbytery be directed to deal with the congregation, if necessary, using discipline; the continued refusal of the congregation is of the nature of insubordination.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. ROBB, *Chairman*.

The following recommendation was adopted: "That the ministers and elders be urged to call the attention of the people to the report of the Political Loyalty Conference, and that an effort be made to place a copy in each family of the Church."

The Committee on Secret Societies reported. Adopted and is as follows:

Secret Societies.

One of the greatest foes to the progress of Christ's kingdom in the heart is the Secret Society. By the term Secret Society is meant every organization that uses the pass-word and operates behind closed doors. In some of these societies there is just enough of the appearance of religion to deceive men and lure them away from the church ; in others, there is no religion at all, and still others are radically immoral. And strange as it may seem, hundreds of men will allow themselves to be deceived by these organizations, which dishonor Christ and profane his religion.

This is an age of secretism ; societies of this kind are on the increase and are taking a firmer hold upon society and hindering greatly the cause of Christ. Go where you will, enter whatever business or profession you may, and you are confronted with this evil. Many young men, who have heretofore refused connection with these societies, are now asking themselves if there is anything radically wrong or inconsistent with their profession in being a member of such organizations.

As this Synod has frequently heard, in the various reports that have been read on this subject, that in many cases a man's bread and butter depends upon his being a member of some one of these societies, and since efforts have been made to palliate the sin in being connected with them, nevertheless, we do not believe that a Christian is in any sense justifiable in connecting himself with any of them.

1. Because God's Word forbids it—"Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Can any language be plainer than this, and what is a secret society if it is not a work of darkness? All its business is transacted in darkness and oftentimes members are instructed to use low and deceitful means in accomplishing their purpose ; no good results, whatever, are seen from the workings of such societies, and God's children are warned against having fellowship in any society that keeps them from bearing fruit to His honor and glory.

2. The example of Christ forbids it—"In secret have I said nothing." When Christ was asked by his enemies concerning his doctrine, he referred them to his open life, declaring that he had lived openly before them, and that no word or act had been hidden from them ; and are we to take Christ as our example in everything except this open life? If Christ is our example in one phase of our lives, he *must* be in every phase of our lives. It was because Caleb "followed the Lord fully" that he was given Hebron for a possession. The question then arises, can a person be a true follower of Christ, and at the same time have fellowship in these societies, which are organized in opposition to his life and teachings? We think not, and we think the course of wisdom to be, "Come out from among them."

3. These societies are demoralizing in their effect upon the individual life. The very best of these societies, that is, those

that make the greatest pretensions toward being religious, have much in them that is corrupting. For example, as a rule, only one real qualification for membership is necessary, that pertaining to membership fees, consequently any man who has the price may become a member of any of these societies, and as a result all kinds of characters are found in them, from the Minister of Jesus Christ to the saloon keeper and the profane, profligate politician. Young men of any principle cannot mingle with these without becoming more or less contaminated by them. Again, the mode of initiation in these societies is outrageous, and is not elevating in character or uplifting in tendency. Again, many of them hold their meetings on the Sabbath and discuss questions which are not proper for that day.

In view of these facts, we regard the secret society as one of the greatest barriers to the cause of Christ in the heart and individual life; also, that it hinders the progress of the cause of Christ and the building up of his kingdom on the earth. While it may be true that young men find great difficulty in obtaining good positions because of their opposition to these societies, yet we would remind them that God has said, "Them that honor me I will honor," and also of the testimony of His servant David, who has said, "I have never seen the righteous forsaken or his seed begging bread."

We make the following recommendations:

1. That the well-known position of the Church be rigidly maintained.
2. That pastors be enjoined to preach frequently on this subject, setting before their members the unscripturalness of these organizations.
3. That sessions be reminded of their duty in the enforcement of the law of the Church in this matter.
4. That our young people be urged to take up the study of this subject for themselves, devoting at least two Sabbath evenings of the year to its consideration.

JOHN C. FRENCH,
W. T. K. THOMPSON,
Committee.

The Committee on Theological Seminary and Education reported. W. P. Johnston and R. J. George were heard. Report adopted and is as follows:

Theological Seminary and Education.

Your Committee would respectfully report:

First, That the Theological Seminary appears to be in a high degree of prosperity and efficiency. The report of superintendents shows that five students have finished the three years' course and are ready for work; five have passed the second year and have been certified to their respective Presbyteries for licensure, and four have passed the first year.

The faithfulness of the professors and the diligence and attainment of the students should encourage the church to the continuous and hearty support of this institution, so necessary to keep up the high standing of the ministry of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

We recommend that R. M. Sommerville, J. W. Sproull and Elder John R. Steele, whose terms of office have expired, be elected their own successors on the Board of Superintendents.

Second, That Geneva College is gradually gaining ground, and appears to be fairly abreast with other colleges competing for the patronage of the public.

Repairs and improvements have been made since last Synod on the property. More are needed. The Library requires replenishment. Some debts heretofore incurred should be extinguished. To keep up the standing of the college and to secure progress in the future, liberal support must be given by the church, and we should remember that the college is the chief means of furnishing qualified students for the Theological Seminary, and thus securing a faithful ministry in the church.

We recommend :

1. That the Board of Trustees give attention to the matter of enlarging the endowment of the college.
2. That a liberal appropriation be made for debts, improvements and current expenses.
3. That C. D. Trumbull, whose time has expired, be re-elected as his own successor on the Board of Corporators.
4. That President Johnston and Dr. R. J. George be heard on the floor of Synod on the claims of the college.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. FARIS,
D. H. COULTER,
H. G. FOSTER,
W. J. ELLIOTT,
J. C. ROBB,

Committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, met in Seminary Hall, to attend to the closing exercises on Tuesday, April 29, 1902, 9 A. M., adjourned on Wednesday, April 30, 6 P. M. The session began on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1901. Fourteen students were in attendance during the term, nearly all of whom were present at the opening. They are as follows :

Third year : Wilbur John McBurney, Hugh McCarroll, Edward Love McKnight, Herbert Bratton McMillan, and Wilmer George Robb.

Second year : Samuel Edgar, Ernest McLeod Elsey, Samuel Edgar Green, Julius Andrew Kempf and David Calvin Matthews.

First year : Delbar Harvey Elliott, Harvey Galbraith Patterson, George Renwick Steele and John Yates.

The examinations and discourses were heartily sustained. Diplomas were given to the students of the third year and certificates that they had completed their second year to their respective Presbyteries, to the students of the second year. Instruction in elocution was given during the session by Prof Sleeth, of the Pittsburgh High School, for the payment of which an order was given on the Treasurer. The reports of the professors, with an account of the closing exercises, were published for the information of the church.

The terms of R. M. Sommerville, J. W. Sproull and Elder John R. Steele have expired. Their successors should be elected.

T. P. STEVENSON, *Chairman.*

J. W. SPROULL, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Moderator and other Members of Synod :

In presenting its annual report to you, the Board of Corporators of Geneva College desires first of all to acknowledge the generous provision made for the institution under its care, by the Synod, at its meeting last year, in ordering two collections, one for repairs on the college buildings, and the other for current expenses, and also through you to express thanks to congregations and persons who so liberally responded to these repeated calls.

While the full amount appropriated, and all of which was greatly needed, was not received, yet the amount contributed afforded great relief. We are persuaded that when Synod hears of the work of repair which has been accomplished and of the prosperity and success of the college as set forth in the annual report of our Board of Trustees, which we have transmitted to you, you will rejoice with us and give the praise to God.

After careful inquiry we are convinced that the work of renovating the buildings should be further prosecuted this year, and the Board of Corporators gives its hearty endorsement to the request of the Board of Trustees for means to carry on the work and ask, not only that Synod make the appropriation, but that the members of Synod bring the claims of the college before the people, so as to secure the full amount which Synod may deem wise to devote to this department of the work of education.

We call attention to the urgent demand for the enlargement of the Endowment Fund of the college. The past generation did a noble work in laying the foundation, and the present generation should not permit their work to fail of its full fruition through neglect to build thereupon. Of the last one hundred thousand dollars raised for endowment, eighty-five thousand were given by eleven persons in sums ranging from five thousand to twenty-five thousand dollars. As we mention their names, your hearts will

be touched to note how many of them have already fallen asleep to wake only at the coming of our Lord. They were, John Hunter, Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Sterrett, David Gregg, John A. McKee, David Torrens, Hugh O'Neill, Henry O'Neill, Andrew Alexander, Thomas E. Greacen and Walter T. Miller. The first seven named are silent in the grave, but with what mighty voice they "being dead, yet speak" through Geneva College.

Are there not those now living who have means given to them by our gracious Redeemer, who have it in their hearts to perpetuate their work for Him in the world, beyond the brief span of their life on earth, by carrying forward this work so well begun; and will they not be reminded of the words of our Lord, "The night cometh when no man can work."

The time for which Dr. C. D. Trumbull was chosen as synodical member of the Board of Corporators has expired and his successor should be elected. President Johnston and R. J. George were appointed to present the claims of the college on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. STEVENSON, *President*.

R. J. GEORGE, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Board of Corporators of Geneva College:

Gentlemen: In submitting our annual report, we are thankful to be able to say that the year closed was one of prosperity. The response to the appeal for funds to repair and beautify the college was such that many improvements were made. A new pavement along the entire front of the college grounds has been laid. The halls of the first and second floors have been improved by the laying of new floors and renovating the walls.

An arrangement was effected with the Geneva congregation whereby they gave your Board \$250 as an increased rental for the use of the college chapel for the next four years, this money to be used in the repair of the chapel. The very liberal subscription of some of the members of the Faculty and of Mr. James Scott, a member of the Board, who labors constantly for the good of the college, enabled the Board to secure much needed repairs in the chapel. The college building is much more pleasant and attractive than when we last reported. Improvements are needed in the hall of the second floor and in the class rooms. These will be made as soon as the funds in the treasury will permit. We desire to keep the buildings in such a state of repair that they will be creditable to the church and to the self-sacrificing efforts of those who founded the college.

The ground upon which the college stands is becoming more beautiful from year to year, and now the appearance of the college and campus are commanding and attractive.

At a meeting of the Board, in the month of August, \$200 were appropriated for apparatus in the new Science Hall. This, under

the careful management of Prof. Barnard, has been of great help in making the department of Natural Science up to date. There is here, however, an opportunity for those who have the means and the heart to come to the help of the church with funds for procuring such equipments for this part of the college work as will make it equal to or surpass other colleges, with which Geneva comes in competition.

The change of the time of recitation of the Preparatory Department from the forenoon of the day to the afternoon has proven satisfactory both to Faculty and Students, and this department is showing marked improvement under the new order. The change is made permanent.

Efforts are being made to bring the college into the most friendly terms with the high schools in the large towns adjacent to Beaver Falls. The Board offers to each of a number of high schools a free scholarship for one year in the college for the graduate of the school who receives first honor.

An understanding has been reached so that students who may have failed in their studies, or who may be under discipline, will not be received into the college except on a proper understanding with the school they leave. A friendly contest in athletics between the schools of the valley, under the auspices of Geneva, was held a short time ago. By this friendly relation we hope that the classes of Geneva will be more largely recruited from these schools.

The home standing of the college may partially be judged from the fact that of the 164 students in Geneva the past year, 85 have their post-office address as Beaver Falls, and 112 students who attend college, board at their own homes.

The Faculty remains as we reported last year, with the exception that Prof. Springer, whom we expected to take charge of the Preparatory Department, received and accepted a more remunerative offer as Principal of the Beaver High School. Prof. G. M. Johnston, Assistant Principal of the Preparatory Department of Wooster University, Ohio, was chosen as the Principal of this department. He came to us highly recommended and has labored faithfully to bring this department of the college under complete control, and he strives to thoroughly prepare the students in all classes for the college course.

Mr. Johnston was unanimously re-elected to the control of this department and his election made permanent. For the most part, the work performed by Miss Faris has been carried by the Professors in the college, without extra expense to the college.

The attendance upon college this year has been good. A larger number of new students than usual entered college last fall and the vacancy caused by the large graduating class of last year was more than filled. The total number of students enrolled in the Preparatory and College Course was 164. Sixty-five were enrolled in the Musical Department and 46 in the Department of Oratory. There were nine graduates. Six of these received the degree of A. B., two that of B. S., and one that of B. O.

The conduct of the students has been good and the year has been free from friction. The standing of the students, compared with that of other colleges, remains good. The representative of Geneva, in the inter-collegiate contest, where seven colleges were represented, last year by the judges was accorded first place, and this year second place. Geneva also received her full share of honors in the inter-collegiate games.

The library is carefully looked after by Prof. George Kennedy, and is well patronized by the students. A box of valuable books, duplicate copies, were received from the Theological Seminary. Some books of value were donated by Prof. George Kennedy. Fifty dollars have been used in procuring current literature, but the meagre amount of money at the disposal of the Board did not warrant the outlay of procuring valuable new books. In order that the library may be replenished, we need a liberal annual collection for the library fund.

A Summer School is being planned in a more thorough way than formerly. This school will be under the entire charge of Prof. G. M. Johnston, who has experience in this kind of work. This school will afford students an opportunity to prepare to enter college classes, also afford students who have fallen behind their classes an opportunity to make up their standing, and it will allow students who by any reason are obliged to be absent from the college a part of the year, the chance of keeping their standing in their classes. This school is also intended for the benefit of those who wish to engage in teaching, as special attention is given to county and state examinations.

Notwithstanding the heavy outlay in improvements of college and ground, the Treasurer reports that the overdraft on the treasury has been reduced more than three hundred and fifty dollars. In addition to this, an old debt for apparatus, amounting to two hundred and thirty dollars, has been paid. The overdraft upon the treasury is now about thirty-five hundred dollars. More than two thousand of this amount is due to the fact of a failure to receive an appropriation voted by Synod.

Dr. Johnston was allowed leave of absence, as he could arrange to collect funds for the college, and through his efforts the original debt of seven thousand dollars on the new field has been reduced to two thousand dollars. The Board granted Dr. Johnston the same privilege the coming year, and we commend him to the liberality of the Church.

In order to meet the needs of the institution for the coming year, we ask for an appropriation of twenty-five hundred dollars. In closing our report, we wish the attention of the Church to the fact that the very favorable religious condition of the college formerly reported, has existed, and has even been surpassed, during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. KILPATRICK,
President.

J. R. WYLIE,
Secretary of Board of Trustees of Geneva College.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies reported. Adopted and is as follows:

Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

The school system is an excellent means for the promotion of education. In comparatively modern times religious education by means of Bible schools on the Sabbath day has been adopted with great advantage. These Sabbath-day schools furnish an opportunity for religious improvement which the preaching service with its peculiar advantage does not afford. The earnest student is not content to attend lectures alone, but is pleased to have also the training of recitation. The Sabbath School, with its recitation, so calls out the talent and knowledge of the scholar, affords so excellent an opportunity for those who teach to exercise their spiritual gifts, is so powerful a stimulant to the study and love of the Bible, is so efficient a means of doing missionary work and building up the visible church, is so blessed of the Lord to the conversion of souls and the advancement of saints, both young and old, in grace and knowledge, that we cannot afford to be without this arm of the church. We do not in this day hear of a prosperous congregation without a Sabbath School.

The Sabbath School idea accords with Scripture. There is the same authority for teaching as for preaching. It is similar to the method of religious instruction conducted in many Christian homes on Sabbath afternoon or evening.

The Sabbath School, however, is not to be regarded as an institution distinct from the church, or a rival to the preaching service, but, rather, as one department of ordained church service, over which the session is to have supervision, and which all should respect and participate in as they have opportunity.

We recommend:

1. That we insist on all, old and young, as they find it possible, attending Sabbath School; that faithful preparation of the lessors be made, and that parents see to it that their children are prepared for recitation.

2. That the memorizing of the catechisms and choice portions of Scripture, including the Psalms, in prose or verse, be not omitted.

3. That care be made in the selection of pious, Bible instructed, skillful teachers, who shall endeavor to bring the unsaved to Christ, and stimulate their scholars by commendable methods to diligence in the study of Bible truth, to holy living, and to bring non-attendants into the Sabbath School.

4. That superintendents carefully prepare to make their school lively, interesting, edifying and devotional, giving due attention to the praise, the prayers and the elucidation of the truth's studied.

5. That members of the Sabbath School, especially teachers, provide themselves with helpful literature, such as a concordance, Bible dictionary and commentaries, including modern, up-to date expositions.

6. That pastors and all friends of the Sabbath School make earnest petitions in their prayers for this important and delightful means of grace and knowledge.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Youth is the time of development. People are like plants. Young, growing plants should be worked often and in various ways, in order that the greatest development be secured. People are cultivated spiritually by the exercises of religion, which, in youth, should be frequent and of various kinds. Young people's meetings, when judiciously managed, are among the means to cause our sons to be as plants grown up in their youth, and our daughters to be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace. We welcome the opportunity which young people's societies give for early training in public prayer and speech and Bible study, which was not afforded our fathers in the days of their youth. The young people now-a-days compare favorably with the older members of the church in ability to participate in all kinds of religious services, and are quite as orthodox.

The principle of young people's meetings is contained in the arrangement in the Sabbath School of separate classes for young men and women, and for children; also in sermons preached especially to the young.

These societies, let it be observed, are not to crowd out time for other more important services, else they are of no advantage. They are not a substitute for the general prayer meeting, only additional to it, just as the prayer meeting and Sabbath School are additional to the preaching service. Care should also be taken that too much of the Sabbath be not consumed in attending meetings to the neglect of home reading and study.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We remind those who attend young people's meetings that they are not to consider themselves excused from attending the regular congregational prayer meeting; that young people's societies are not organizations distinct from the church, but under the supervision of the session, and are not at liberty to adopt or practice anything out of harmony with the established order of the church.

2. We urge older members of the church to manifest interest in this part of the young people's work, by occasional visits to the young people's meetings, by words of encouragement, and by prayer for their prosperity.

3. We would put pastors in mind to plead in their pulpit prayers for a blessing upon the young people's societies, to meet with their young people occasionally, if they do not do so regularly, and assist them in their service, and to preach occasionally special sermons to the young.

Respectfully submitted, JAMES PATTON,
A. J. MCFARLAND, JR.,
W. C. ALLEN,
H. M. JOHNSTON,
S. A. FYFFE, *Committee.*

N. R. Johnston was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to Mr. J. M. Sloane.

W. J. Coleman led the devotional exercises.

Recess was taken with prayer by Henry O'Neill.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by S. A. S. Metheny.

The roll was called. Carlisle, Kingston, McAllister, McClure, McGaw, J. W. Pritchard and W. T. K. Thompson were absent. All but Carlisle and Kingston shortly appeared.

The following were adopted :

Resolutions on Peace and Arbitration.

1. This Synod declares its belief in the wisdom and righteousness of the principle of peace between nations as among men, and earnestly favors the policy that will draw nations nearer to each other and that will lead all peoples to cultivate a common friendship and a peaceful brotherhood.

2. We urge arbitration as the proper method of settling difficulties between nations, and hold that the weakness of one party in a dispute should not work a forfeiture of its right to a fair hearing and an impartial judgment.

The Presbyteries reported. Referred to the proper committees.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported. R. M. Sommerville was heard. Prayer was offered by T. P. Robb. The report was adopted and is as follows :

Foreign Missions.

An examination of the report of the Board of Foreign Missions shows the work in the entire foreign field to be, in the main, in quite a satisfactory condition. The Board should be commended for the zeal and carefulness with which they have watched over the interests of the work, and the missionaries for their abounding and self-sacrificing labors. All the members of the church should be urged to read and to study this report so as to gain a clear and definite knowledge of the field, the laborers and the work that is being done.

There are a number of encouraging aspects of the work which call for special mention. Among these we note the passing away of the hostile Russian influence, the increased attendance at the schools, the growth in the membership of the church, and the manifest blessing of the Lord upon the labors of the missionaries. With a peculiar sense of gratitude to God we note that the first fruits have been gathered in the mission at Tak Hing, China, and gladly take this as a promise by the Lord of the harvest, of a large in-gathering in that great field already white to the harvest.

It is to be expected that an expanding work will have increasing needs, and the church should consider, when planting a mission, that it is pledging itself to give with ever-increasing liberality as the work enlarges. Some of the pressing needs of the field which

call for gifts of money should be noted. There is need of mission property owned by the church in Asia Minor. The property now used for mission purposes in Mersina is owned by Mrs. Metheny. The attention of the church should be called to this fact and to the proposition of Mrs. Metheny to sell this property to the church. We regret that circumstances do not seem to warrant us in making any recommendation at the present time, but may we not confidently look to men, to whom the Lord has entrusted some of His silver and gold, to make voluntary contributions so that a fund may soon be gathered wherewith mission property may be secured.

The need of additional buildings for the mission at Tak Hing, China, should also be noted, and the purpose of the Board to supply these buildings, not all at once, but as the funds will allow.

A number of acts of commendable liberality should receive special mention. Mr. Andrew Alexander, Chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions, in addition to all his other generous gifts, furnished the entire amount necessary to erect a house for Miss Edgar, so that she might be most conveniently located for supervising her work. Mrs. Alexander has given the full amount necessary to replace the church which was destroyed by fire a year ago at Larnaca, Cyprus. The Third Philadelphia Congregation agrees to pay the salary of Dr. Wright who goes to the mission in China. Doubtless there are individuals and congregations that will be stimulated by these worthy examples to similar acts of liberality.

Special attention should be called to the fact that there is urgent need for increasing the force of workers. Rev. R. J. Dodds is the only ordained missionary in the entire field in Asia Minor, and the retirement of Mr. Easson leaves the Cyprus field without an ordained missionary. The young men of the church should hold themselves in readiness to respond to the call of the Lord to enter these fields.

We recommend the following:

1. That we record our gratitude to God for the success that has attended the labors of our Missionaries during the past year.
2. That we approve the purpose and plan of the Board with reference to increasing the missionary force where it has been weakened, and furnishing missionary buildings as the funds will warrant.
3. That congregations and societies be encouraged to devise plans for the systematic study of missions.
4. That the resignation of J. C. McFeeters, as a member of the Board of Foreign Missions, be not accepted.
5. That R. M. Sommerville be heard in urging the claims of the foreign field.

R. C. WYLIE,
J. S. THOMPSON,
JOHN K. ROBE,
JAMES A. MCATEER,
J. B. DODDS,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

This is the age of missionary activity. Under the guidance and control of a good hope that this 20th century shall witness the conversion of the world, the Church of Jesus Christ is reaching out in every direction. The watchword of the hour is forward, and we, in common with other denominations, can discern steady advance. A seeming defeat now and then can no more delay ultimate victory than the momentary reflux of the waves can prevent the in-coming tide from reaching high-water mark.

The work in Syria has been conducted with good results. It has had its discouraging features, but the Russian influence spoken of a year ago as threatening disaster to the schools has to a large extent passed away. The average attendance at the Latakia day school for boys was 45, nearly double that of the previous year, while many applicants for admission to the boarding department, not a few of them from localities where the densest ignorance prevails, had to be refused. It was a great trial to Miss Edgar, who has been entrusted with this branch of the work, and other members of the Mission, to send these lads back to their heathen homes to remain utter strangers to the light and regenerating power of the Gospel. Forty-four boarders were received, of whom only eight have their home in Latakia. On her return from America last September, Miss Wylie resumed her place at the head of the girls' school, and has had ninety-five under her care, sixty of them boarders. These schools are nurseries for the little congregation in town, some of the pupils being admitted on profession of faith in Christ to the full privileges of the church every year.

There are other schools in the southern part of this field: at Tartoos, where Licentiate Juraidiny reports an enrolled attendance of 110 pupils, who also attend Sabbath School and the preaching services, and in the mountain villages of that vicinity.

The Lord's Supper was administered at Tartoos, Inkzik and Gunaimia, as well as Latakia, and twelve were received into the fellowship of the Church, making a present total of 197 native communicants. Mr. Stewart preaches in Latakia every Sabbath, except when he is visiting out-stations, and then service is conducted by Licentiate Salem Saleh. In case neither of them can be present, the brethren hold a social prayer meeting. When Mr. C. A. Dodds has a little more experience in the use of Arabic, he will be able to occupy the pulpit, and there need only be an occasional interruption of the preaching service.

In last report reference was made to the partial destruction of the house at Bahamra. The American Consul, after visiting the place, presented the matter to the Governor of Latakia, and subsequently the authorities at Beirut, "and finally succeeded in having orders issued for the protection of the property and the dismissal of the chief of the mounted police who headed the party that committed the trespass." At this village there is an evangelist located, who preaches every Sabbath and during the

week visits other localities in the mountains. But here, as elsewhere among the Nusairia, the movements of the missionaries are under the constant espionage of the Turkish authorities. A few months ago the Board requested the Syrian Mission to consider whether it might not be a good plan for C. A. Dodds to make his home in the mountains among the pagan Nusairia. But, in their opinion and for very satisfactory reasons, such a step would be unwise at the present time. "He can," however, in the language of their official reply, "make a trial of work among the Nusairia by means of tours of from one to two weeks each, and in the course of a few years spent in such work we will be able to decide intelligently whether it would be advisable for him to take up his residence at Bahamra." In any event, our representatives in that field must devise some plan by which we can more fully discharge the obligation, sacred and imperative, that the Lord has laid on us to evangelize that pagan race.

In Suadia Center the work is not without tokens of the Divine favor. The annual statement of the Mission lays emphasis on two points that are full of promise: A Bible class of over one hundred women meets with Miss Cunningham every week for special instruction, and this in the face of priestly prohibition, and "there are many indications that the word is taking effect." The other point is the increased attendance upon the preaching of the Gospel, and this is "of special note, because that during the visit of the Greek Patriarch, which occurred a little over a year ago, he enjoined the people of his charge to stay away entirely from both the school and the religious services." Mr. Dodds also holds meetings during the week in private houses for the exposition of the word and prayer. The Lord's Supper was administered in November, and five, including one girl from the Nusairia, have been added to the membership of the church, making twenty-three communicants.

The girls' school reports eighteen boarders and thirty day pupils, and the native teacher is specially commended as "most diligent in training the girls in Bible knowledge and in Christian living, her example a source of help and strength to us all." In the boys' school there are twenty-five boarders, of whom eighteen are Fellaheen and nineteen day pupils.

The annual statement from Asia Minor is a most interesting paper. With the exception of Tarsus, where the people seem hard to reach, and consequently the licentiate, "though exceptionally gentle and patient, often feels much disheartened," the work seems to be in a most promising, not to say flourishing condition. In Mersina, with an estimated Arabic-speaking population of 10,000, there are two schools in successful operation, one for boys with 140 pupils, half of them boarders, in charge of Miss McNaughton, and the other for girls, with 100 pupils, half of them boarders, in charge of Miss Sterrett. These missionaries hold laborious positions, but are sustained and stimulated in their labors by the progress of the children in their religious studies and by seeing some of them decide for Christ and bravely enroll themselves among His people every year.

In this city, an important commercial seaport, and the gateway to all places of importance on the Cilician plains, the Gospel has been regularly preached in the Mission chapel. Frequent visits have been made to Nusairia villages, and the sacraments have been dispensed at all the out-stations. Within two years thirty-two have been added to the church on confession of faith, making a present membership of eighty-eight communicants.

Mr. Dodds thus describes the outlook in Adana and the Auba: "Three years ago there was not a communicant in Adana. In the spring of 1900 we were able to report six. Now there are twenty. Of these, six are direct fruit of work done in Mersina, not in Adana. Three of the twenty are Syrians, the rest are Kurds, and we are beginning to hope that we shall soon have the joy of seeing some of the Nusairia added to the number of the believers in Adana.

"All who have been converted at first regarded us with disfavor and distrust. They had, however, the Berean readiness to search the Scriptures to see what ground we had for what we hold. They have grown to love the Bible, and, wherever they are scattered in the summer, they carry it with them. Formerly they hardly knew what the Bible was. It is this delight in the Word of God and earnestness in its use that gives us hope for the Adana church.

"The name Auba signifies cluster. It is part of the suburbs of Adana. It has reference to the cluster of Nusairia gardens and hamlets there. We may estimate its population at not less than 2,000, although it has no definite limits. Our evangelist, a very simple man, is in their midst, like the lad of old with his two barley loaves and a few small fishes. The Lord placed him there, and in employing him we are simply trying to follow the Divine guidance."

Minor details and incidents need not be inserted here, as they have either appeared already in the columns of the missionary monthly, or will be published in connection with this report.

This statement from Mr. Dodds is stronger than any direct appeal that he could make for help. He is alone in that large field, and on his life, humanly speaking, depends the life of the Mission. He should have an associate, and it is hoped that what he says will be to some young man the call of the Redeemer to consecrate himself to this service.

It may not be known to the Church that it owns no property in this field. During his life the late Dr. David Metheny erected buildings for residence and mission purposes, and the Board rents from Mrs. Metheny the rooms needed for school work in Mersina. Recently she offered to sell this property to the Church for \$17,000, the estimated value recorded in the U. S. Consulate being over \$21,000. Her offer "includes the whole lot fenced and unfenced, and all the buildings, except that set apart for hospital use," which she wishes to give to the Church, "to be used, when a physician is sent to that field and the funds will permit, for hospital purposes." The reply of the Board was that, owing to the present condition of the finances, it could not recommend the

purchase. At the same time, it is due to Mrs. Metheny to lay the matter before Synod, that her formal offer, with schedule of the property, may go to the Committee on Foreign Missions for consideration.

The Cyprus Mission has been conducted under very disheartening circumstances. The statistics show nineteen communicants, but do not indicate whether any were added during the year. Mr. Easson and his two assistants availed themselves of every opportunity to preach the Gospel. The colporteurs visited 86 villages and all the cities except Papho, sold 286 Bibles, New Testaments and portions in eleven different languages, read the Word of God to 1,213 persons, and talked about the way of salvation through Jesus Christ to 6,376; and these men testify that the people, as a rule, listened to the reading and explanation of the Gospel with manifest delight. Dr. Moore, in addition to his other work, has printed for free circulation 148,608 pages of tracts. That these agencies are bringing the truth to bear in quickening power on individuals and communities is seen in the bitter hostility of both Greek and Armenian priests.

A stone building, to replace the chapel burned a year ago, is in course of erection at Larnaca. The whole expense is borne by Mrs. Andrew Alexander, from her share in the estate of the late Elder David Torrens, her brother, who was greatly interested in the work on the island, and the building is to be known as the "David Torrens Memorial." The Mission house on the same lot, erected a few years ago, is through the liberality of Mr. and Mrs. Easson, entirely free of debt. It cost over \$2,105, but only \$1,341 were received from the American Church. The rest came from other sources, including a donation of \$100 from Mr. and Mrs. Easson, and, on leaving the island, another offering of \$165, balance of rent paid in advance to the fall of 1904.

It is with deep regret that the Board has to announce the retirement of Mr. Easson, owing to the failing health of himself and wife. Nor will Mr. Robert Clarke, who was appointed to that field, and whose evangelistic spirit and popular talents seemed to qualify for service there, be sent out, as the Board has been advised by competent medical authority that he would not be able to stand the climate and arduous labors required of him. The licentiates of the church are asked to consider the pressing claims of this Mission. It offers a pleasant home in a healthy locality, a new chapel, abounding toil, open doors in every direction, and the very kind of opposition that should inspire to strenuous effort.

The medical department both in Syria and in Cyprus is proving the value of this form of work as an evangelistic agency. Dr. Ralph writes: "There have been few of those who have received medical care who have not heard something of spiritual truth as well. In addition to our own efforts in that direction, native help has been used to present the truth to those who have come to us for treatment. Not only at the regular clinics, but wherever we have gone among the villages, we have attempted to use every opportunity for the sowing of the good seed." He reports 1,150 pro-

fessional visits and 130 clinics, with an average attendance of forty persons. Speaking of the hospital, he says: "One hundred and seven cases have been treated during the year. . . . Not only have we been gratified by the greater success attending the use of the means for the relief of disease in the hospital as compared with outside practice, but we have rejoiced at the opportunity thus given to bring the truth to bear more fully upon our patients. Besides the regular worship morning and evening, a part of each day is given to this work, and a special service is held every Sabbath evening." Dr. Moore reports two clinics a week, with an average attendance of forty five persons, and adds: ever since the chapel was burned we have had no success in reaching the Greek except through the clinics. But with all opposition, we have good audiences at the clinics, and very often five or six come who do not ask for medicine, and who seem to have come simply to hear the gospel."

In these three fields, constituting what is known as the Syrian Mission, there are at present 327 native communicants, added since last report 49, including those not returned in the statistics of Tarsus Mission for 1901. This shows a net increase of 24. There are 1,192 adherents, counting baptized members, inquirers and persons who wait with some measure of regularity on the ministry of the Word, and there are also 715 children under daily religious instruction, of whom 267 are in boarding schools, where they enjoy all the advantages of careful home training. The foreign working force consists of five ordained ministers, two physicians who are ruling elders, and six single women, and they have in their employment and acting under their constant supervision, one native ordained preacher, five licentiates, nine evangelists and colporteurs, four Bible women, fourteen male and seven female teachers.

At the request of the Syrian Commission, the Board endorses its action asking Synod to make an appropriation for a new edition of the Arabic Psalter without music, \$250 being the estimate of the Beirut Press for 2,000 unbound sheets, the cost of binding, as occasion requires, to come out of the annual allowance for books.

The work in China is awaking great interest in the church, and pressing its claims for liberal support. Soon after the last meeting of Synod Dr. J. Maude George, whose application was accompanied with the highest testimonials, was appointed to that field as medical missionary. She and Miss Jennie B. Torrence went out with Rev. A. I. Robb and family on their return to Tak Hing Chau in the autumn of 1901. They are now busily engaged in acquiring the Chinese language, and Dr. George is having more demands for medical service than she can readily meet. More recently the Board appointed Rev. J. K. Robb and Dr. James M. Wright, and arrangements will be made for their departure in September of this year. At the request of the Third Philadelphia, Dr. Wright has been assigned to represent that congregation in the foreign field, and they have agreed to pay his salary.

This increase in the working force calls for more accommodation. Mr. Robb thinks that the Mission at Tak Hing will require another dwelling house, a chapel, a hospital and a school building. These are not all expected at once, nor even in the immediate future. But he says: "We have over two acres of ground here, and would like to plan the buildings and their locations with these four in mind. . . . Another dwelling for two families is a present need, as newcomers require the best possible conditions during the period of acclimatization. . . . Such a house could not be built now for less than \$4,000 in gold, and \$1,000 will be needed for a chapel."

Sabbath, March 16, 1902, will be memorable in the history of Tak Hing Mission as the day that the first convert, Yau Sin Hing, seventy-five years of age, was baptized and received into the fellowship of the church.

Attention is called to the Treasurer's report, which shows a balance of over \$4,000 to the credit of the Chinese Mission, but the current account of the Syrian Mission still overdrawn at the close of the fiscal year more than \$13,000. Every one will be glad to notice that the offerings from congregations were nearly \$1,500, or, adding the contribution of Sabbath Schools and missionary societies, nearly \$2,000 more than those of the previous year, and consequently the total receipts were sufficient to meet all expenditures. But that debt ought to be wiped out.

At the first meeting of the Board after last Synod the new members, Revs. W. M. George and I. A. Blackwood, with Elders Robert McNeill and J. J. Mackeown, appeared and took their seats. Dr. J. C. McFeeters has offered his resignation, as he feels unable to attend the meetings, but the Board, without a dissenting voice, requests Synod not to accept the resignation.

Respectfully submitted, in the name of the Board,

R. M. SOMMERVILLE,
Corresponding Secretary.

The Committee on Nominations reported appointing J. W. Cavan to fill vacancy on the Board of Control. Adopted.

The Stated Clerk reported. Adopted and is as follows:

Statistics and Presbyterial Reports.

The reports this year have been fuller and freer from mistakes than for many years, perhaps ever before. The statistics of but one congregation and two mission stations were taken from last year's reports. The discrepancies in the total number of communicants that occur from year to year are due to the carelessness of clerks of sessions. A very little attention on their part would remedy this.

The following is the summary for the year ending April 30, 1902:

Congregations, 112; Mission Stations, 9; Ministers, 125, one of whom is a native Syrian; Licentiates, 19, five of whom are

Syrians. Theological students, 10, one of whom is a Syrian; communicants, 9,722; increase, 581; decrease, 658; Sabbath School attendance, 10,644; Young People's Society attendance, 2,162; total contributions, \$199,079.

Congregations. Eighty have pastors; 7 are supplied by unsettled ministers; 4 by licentiates; 1 by a pastor and two are under the care of the Board of Foreign Missions. Adamsville branch of Mercer and Adamsville congregation was united with Middletown congregation by a commission of Pittsburg Presbytery, Nov. 19, 1901. The congregation is now known as the Adamsville and Middletown congregation.

Mission Stations. Two are supplied by pastors; 1 by an unsettled minister and 1 by a licentiate. The Jewish Mission of Philadelphia is under the care of Philadelphia Presbytery, and the Cache Creek and Oakland missions are under the care of the Central Board.

Ministers. There were 1 ordination, viz.: Hugh McCarroll, at Wyman, Ia., May 14, 1902; 1 ordination and installation, viz.: George W. Benn, at Staunton, Ill., Dec. 5, 1901, and 6 installations, viz.: P. P. Boyd, Almonte, Canada, June 20, 1901; F. M. Wilson, Parnassus, June 27, 1901; R. A. Paden, Holmwood, Kansas, Aug. 29, 1901; M. A. Gault, Wahoo, Neb., Sept. 13, 1901; Hugh McCarroll, Vernon, May 23, 1902, and J. R. W. Stevenson, Lake Reno, Minn., May 16, 1902. A. M. Thompson united with Pittsburg Presbytery on certificate from the church in Ireland.

There has been a decrease of 3. Charles Clyde died at Lochiel, Dec. 7, 1901. R. M. Blackwood united with the United Presbyterian church. The name of Elder McBurney was struck from the roll June 4, 1902. The discrepancy in the number of ministers is occasioned by the enrollment last year of a licentiate as a minister in the statistics of the Syrian Commission.

There are 77 pastors; 2 have double charges. There were 7 dissolutions of the pastoral relation, viz.: F. M. Wilson, from North Union and Youngstown, June 14, 1901; R. M. Blackwood, from Bloomington, and E. G. Elsey, from Church Hill, Sept. 11, 1901; W. J. McKnight, from Adamsville, Nov. 19, 1901; T. J. Allen, from Sterling, Apr. 9, 1902; S. R. Wallace, from Denison, May 30, 1902, and J. K. Robb, from La Junta, May 30, 1902.

Of the 48 unsettled ministers, 7 are foreign missionaries; 2 are laboring under the direction of the Central Board; 2 are professors in the Theological Seminary; 3 in Geneva College; 6 are stated supplies; 1 is engaged in reform work; 1 in testimony bearing; 4 are in other employment, and 11 on account of age or infirmity are unable to engage actively in the work of the ministry.

Licentiates. David Calvin Matthews was licensed at Superior, Kansas, by Kansas Presbytery, May 5; Ernest McLeod Elsey, at Sparta, by Illinois Presbytery, May 6; Samuel Edgar, in New York, by New York Presbytery, May 6, and Samuel Edgar Greer, at Wyman, by Iowa Presbytery, May 14. A commission of New York Presbytery has been appointed to attend to the censures of

Julius Andrew Kempf. These five are third year Theological students. Licentiate A. W. Stevenson has united with the Presbyterian church.

Communicants. Colorado, Iowa and Pittsburg Presbyteries, the Syrian Commission, 37 congregations and 2 mission stations report a net increase. The remaining Presbyteries, 58 congregations and one mission station report a net decrease. In 9 the loss and gain are the same. The others make no report as to increase or decrease. The net decrease is 77; in the church in America it is 102.

Sabbath School and Young People's Societies. The number reported in attendance in the former is 10,644, or 155 more than last year; in the latter, 2,162, or a decrease of 103.

Contributions. An increase is reported in the contributions to the Foreign Mission, of \$3,683; Chinese, of \$249; Home, \$632; Southern, \$418; Theological Seminary, \$254; Sustentation, \$487; National Reform, \$73; Testimony Bearing, \$47; Aged Ministers' Fund, \$18; Widows and Orphans, \$10,510; Salaries, \$5,433; Miscellaneous, \$6,842 and totals, \$12,819, and a decrease in the contributions to Indian Mission, of \$355; Jewish, of \$1,022, and Church Erection, of \$3,680.

The number of congregations reported as having manses is 14; mission stations, 1.

J. W. SPROULL,
Stated Clerk.

COLORADO.

Colorado Presbytery would respectfully report that one regular meeting has been held since last Synod. There are under the care of our Presbytery four congregations, six ministers and one licentiate, H. B. McMillan, who has completed his theological course. Oakland Chinese Mission is under care of the Central Board. Our statistical report indicates the conditions to be encouraging both as to membership and contributions. All our congregations have settled pastors except La Junta, whose former pastor, J. K. Robb, was released on May 30, 1902, he having been appointed to the Chinese Foreign Mission.

On April 7, 1902, Rev. J. R. W. Stevenson was certified to the Iowa Presbytery, and on the same date Rev. J. T. Wilson was certified to the Kansas Presbytery. During the past year three National Reform conventions have been held in the State of Colorado, and various organizations and associations have been addressed by our ministers in the interests of this movement.

The full time of H. B. McMillan, licentiate, is at the disposal of Synod, and the time of James Patton after December first.

Rev. J. M. Armour is recommended for a share in Aged Ministers' Fund.

Presbytery asks 'or the full time of one laborer for the coming year.

Our statistical report was duly forwarded.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. ELLIS, *Clerk.*

ILLINOIS.

Illinois Presbytery would respectfully report :

We have held two regular meetings during the year. Nine congregations are under our care ; five have regular pastors, one a stated supply and three are vacant, Church Hill, Princeton and Bloomington. G. W. Benn was ordained and installed pastor of Staunton Congregation Dec. 5, 1901. The pastoral relation between Rev. E. G. Elsey and Church Hill Congregation was dissolved Sept. 10, 1901. Mr. Elsey labored for three months and a half in Church Hill Congregation, but since that time he has been for the most part laboring in Hetherton, Michigan. The pastoral relation between Rev. R. M. Blackwood and Bloomington Congregation, Sept. 11, 1901. Mr. Blackwood has since left the denomination. We have two theological students under our care, E. M. Elsey and H. G. Paterson.

E. M. Elsey was licensed by a Commission of Presbytery, at Sparta, May 6, 1902. He has since been laboring in the Bloomington Congregation. His time is at the disposal of Synod until the seminary opens.

Our Presbytery has been conducting Presbyterianial examination of our congregation, which has thus far proceeded with gratifying results.

At our spring meeting, a commission was appointed to attend to this duty in Selma Congregation, which duty has been performed by commission.

Mrs. W. F. George is recommended to the Board of Control for a share in Fund for Widows and Orphans. Presbytery asks the time of one laborer for the year.

Our statistical report has been forwarded.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. FRENCH.

IOWA.

Iowa Presbytery would respectfully report :

Since the last meeting of Synod we have held two regular meetings, at which the attendance was good.

Hugh McCarroll, a licentiate transferred to us by certificate from Pittsburg Presbytery, having accepted the call of Vernon congregation, was ordained at the meeting of Presbytery at Wyman, Iowa, May 14, 1902, and was installed pastor of Vernon congregation, May 23, 1902.

J. R. W. Stevenson, received on certificate from Colorado Presbytery, accepted the call of Lake Reno congregation and was duly installed May 16, 1902. Thus we have now nine congregations, of which seven have settled pastors. First Chicago congregation, under the care of Licentiate Robert Clarke, during the past year has been prospered and has made a very unanimous call on Robert Clarke to become its pastor, so that we have hope that we soon will have but one vacant congregation, Hickory Grove.

J. M. Littlejohn was received on certificate from Kansas Presbytery.

Samuel E. Greer, a student of theology of the third year under our care, was licensed to preach the Gospel at our meeting in Wyman, May 14, 1902.

D. H. Elliot, of Morning Sun congregation, is under our care as a student of theology.

Rev. Isaiah Faris is not employed in regular pastoral work, and his full time is at the disposal of Synod.

The time of Licentiate Samuel E. Greer is at the disposal of Synod for the interval between seminary sessions and for the month of May, 1903.

We ask for the one-half time of one laborer, and for one thousand dollars for Chicago, and one hundred and fifty dollars for Hickory Grove.

Our statistical report was duly forwarded to the stated clerk of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, LOUIS MEYER, *Clerk.*

KANSAS.

Kansas Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held two regular and one special meeting since our last report. There are seventeen congregations and two mission stations within our bounds. Eleven congregations have settled pastors; three have stated, and three receive occasional, supplies. H. P. McClurkin has been released from his appointment as stated supply at Topeka, on account of failing health. E. M. Coleman has been appointed his successor. The pastoral relationship between T. J. Allen and Sterling congregation was dissolved at the request of both parties on April 8, 1902, and S. R. Wallace was released from the pastoral charge of Denison on May 30, 1902. The Rev. Elmer McBurney has renounced his adherence to the principles of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and become identified with the Christian Scientists. We have received the Rev. J. T. Wilson from Colorado Presbytery. The Cache Creek Mission remains under the efficient care of Rev. W. W. Carithers. Rev. J. R. Wylie has been employed in teaching school and preaching among a colony of Covenanters in Cherry County, Nebraska. We have certified the Rev. J. M. Littlejohn to Iowa Presbytery, and T. J. Allen to Pittsburg Presbytery. M. A. Gault was installed as pastor of the Wahoo congregation last September, and R. A. Paden in Holmwood in August. A new mission station was organized by a commission of Presbytery at Walton, Kan., on April 10, 1902, and the Rev. J. T. Wilson appointed as stated supply. Mr. D. C. Matthews, a student of Theology of the second year was licensed at Superior, May 5, 1902. Sterling, Tabor and Denison are vacant. Our statistical report forwarded to the stated clerk of Synod, shows an increase in the contributions of our Presbytery of more than \$3,000. The time of T. J. Allen, S. R. Wallace, and J. R. Wylie, and part time of D. C. Matthews is at the disposal of Synod. We ask for the full time of one laborer for the year.

GEO. A. EDGAR, *Clerk.*

LAKES.

Lakes Presbytery reports that one regular meeting has been held during the year. In addition to the routine business, an interesting and profitable meeting on "The Prayer Meeting" was carried out. Eight congregations and one mission station, with an aggregate membership of five hundred and eighty-eight souls, are under our care. Four congregations are provided with pastors. Three are in charge of stated supplies, namely, Rev. T. C. Sproull at Fairgrove; Rev. J. M. Faris, in charge of Belle Center and Bellefontaine. Cincinnati congregation made a call on Licentiate D. O. Jack. Mr. Jack has accepted this call and provision has been made for his ordination and installation. The mission station at Hetherton, Michigan, is in a hopeful condition. The members there have asked Presbytery to grant them an organization and expect to begin the erection of a temporary house of worship in the immediate future. As reported one year ago, the Jewish Mission work in Cincinnati was suddenly interrupted by the resignation of Miss Patterson. There is no prospect of this work being resumed in the near future. Presbytery has no requests for supplies, as all our congregations are provided for.

The statistical report was duly forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

C. McLEOD SMITH, *Clerk*.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

The Presbytery of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia would respectfully report :

We have held one regular meeting since our last report.

We have three congregations under our care, all of which have settled pastors, one pastor having a double charge.

The day of Thanksgiving was observed in our congregations.

We recommend Mrs. Margaret Lawson, of Barnesville congregation, for a share in the Fund for Widows of Deceased Ministers.

While we cannot report any remarkable increase of piety or progress in the religious life of our people, yet we trust we are holding fast the truth as it is in Jesus.

We ask for no additional laborers.

Our statistical report was forwarded in due time to Synod's stated clerk.

Our quota for Synod's Traveling Fund is reported full.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. K. THOMPSON, *Clerk*.

NEW YORK.

New York Presbytery would respectfully report :

There have been two regular meetings during the year. We have fifteen congregations and seventeen ministers. A. I. Robb is missionary to China. G. P. Raitt and T. A. Rusk are unsettled. Their full time is at the disposal of Synod. Our only vacancy is Kortright.

The time for one man is asked. Kortright made a call for E. L. McKnight for one-half time. Call was sustained and our delegate to mission conference, T. M. Slater, instructed to request \$200 as help for this congregation for one year. Call was transferred to Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Mr. Samuel Edgar, of Boston, was licensed to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ at the spring meeting, May 6 Julius Kempf and John Yates are students of Theology under care of Presbytery.

Mrs. Mary A. Yates was recommended for a share from the fund for widows and orphans of deceased ministers. White Lake and West Hebron were recommended to Board of Sustentation. Thomas Patton is Chairman of Committee on Supplies. Our statistical report was duly forwarded.

Respectfully submitted,

IRVIN A. BLACKWOOD.

OHIO.

Ohio Presbytery would respectfully report :

Since the last meeting of Synod we have held one meeting. We have six congregations, two mission stations, and three pastors -- one of whom is also stated supply in one of the mission stations. We have one licentiate, Wilmer G. Robb, whose full time after July 1, is at the disposal of Synod. Presbytery asks for the full time of one laborer for the ensuing year. The days of fasting and thanksgiving were observed so far as known to us. Our statistical report was duly forwarded to the stated clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. SLATER, *Clerk.*

PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia Presbytery would respectfully report :

During the year three meetings were held. Our congregations are four, mission stations one, pastors three, ministers without charge two, licentiates two, students of theology one. Licentiate A. W. Stevenson, having accepted an appointment from the Presbyterian Church to go as a missionary to Cuba, received a letter of standing. Licentiate G. W. Benn, having accepted the call from the Staunton congregation, was transferred to the Illinois Presbytery. Our two remaining licentiates, Moses Greenberg and Robert Clarke, did good work during the year, the former in connection with the Jewish Mission in Philadelphia and the latter in the Chicago Mission. Our theological student, R. A. Blair, was in attendance at the session of Seminary in Princeton. He appeared before Presbytery at our meeting in April and gave a specimen sermon, which was most creditable and heartily sustained. Baltimore and Conococheague are still without pastoral care and need the prayers and substantial help of the whole church. Through their own efforts, and aid from the Domestic Mission Fund, they were able to take considerable preaching during the year. J. C. McFeeters dispensed the communion in the Baltimore congregation on the second Sabbath of May. The report of

the Jewish Mission will be presented by J. C. McFeeters. The time of E. F. Sherman and Robert Clarke is at your disposal. We ask for the time of one laborer. Our quota to the Traveling Fund we report full. Our statistical report was promptly forwarded to the stated clerk of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. MONTGOMERY, *Clerk.*

PITTSBURGH.

Pittsburgh Presbytery would respectfully report:

Since last meeting of Synod we have held two regular meetings. The following changes have taken place:

W. J. McKnight was released from the Adamsville branch of the Mercer and Adamsville congregation, Nov. 19, 1901. The same date Mercer and Adamsville were separated, and Adamsville and Middletown were united, the united people to be known as the Adamsville and Middletown congregation.

N. R. Johnston has been certified to the Philadelphia Presbytery; licentiates Hugh McCarroll to the Iowa Presbytery, and D. O. Jack having accepted a call to Cincinnati has been transferred to Lakes Presbytery.

The certificate of T. J. Allen, of Kansas Presbytery, is in the hands of the clerk.

There are twenty-seven congregations and one mission station. The vacant congregations are Bear Run and Mahoning, Rehoboth, Brookland and Manchester, Clarksburg, Salem, North Union, Adamsville and Middletown, and Youngstown.

R. J. G. McKnight is stated supply at North Union and Middletown until full meeting of Presbytery. J. T. Mitchell, stated supply at Rehoboth, for the same time.

We have forty-one ministers. Nineteen of these are pastors, one having a double charge, and one gives part of his time to Sabbath reform. Twenty-two are not pastors. Two of these are professors in the seminary, three in the college, one is laboring in National Reform, another in Testimony Bearing, three are foreign missionaries, eight, through age and infirmity have almost retired from the ministry, four are supplies.

Our licentiates are: J. M. Coleman, Wm. McKinney, E. L. McKnight, R. J. G. McKnight, J. T. Mitchell, and Wilber J. McBurney.

The following are at disposal of Synod: The full time of R. C. Allen, E. M. Coleman, A. M. Thompson, J. S. McCartney, E. L. McKnight, and Wilber J. McBurney. J. T. Mitchell wishes full time except ten days the first six months. R. J. G. McKnight desires full time after November 1. We have one student of Theology of the first year, George R. Steele.

A call from Youngstown in favor of E. L. McKnight has been sustained as a regular Gospel call. One from Kortright in favor of the same has been transferred by New York Presbytery. Both of these are awaiting action.

The following recommendations have been made: Slippery Rock congregation to Board of Sustentation, Mrs. Nancy Reed, for a share in the Fund for Widows and Orphans of deceased ministers. J. C. K. Faris and J. R. Baird, for a share in the Aged Ministers' Fund.

Our quota to Synod's Traveling Fund is full. Presbytery asks for the full time of one laborer.

The statistical report has been duly forwarded to the stated clerk of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. CONNER, *Clerk.*

ROCHESTER.

Rochester Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held two regular meetings during the past year and several special meetings during the sessions of Synod.

We have under our care five congregations, two of them vacant, and one mission station. Since our last report one of our congregations, Almonte, has obtained a pastor. Rev. P. P. Boyd was installed as pastor June 20, 1901, by a commission of Rochester Presbytery.

Lochiel congregation became vacant by the death of their pastor, Rev. Charles Clyde, which occurred Dec. 7, 1901.

We have but one minister, who is without charge, Rev. Wm. McFarland, whose entire time is at disposal of Synod.

We ask for the services of one laborer for six months.

Rev. Wm. McFarland has served the Presbytery for a short time in the capacity of colporteur, in Syracuse, selling Bibles and portions of the Bible. In the limited time he has been employed he has sold quite a number of copies of a "Vest Pocket Edition" of the Book of Proverbs. He has distributed gratis, chiefly among children, a handsome and cheap edition of the Gospels, each Gospel bound separately.

Mrs. Sarah Bell Clyde has been recommended to the Board of Control for a share in the distribution of the Widows and Orphans Fund.

Our statistical report was duly forwarded to the stated clerk of Synod.

Our traveling fund is full.

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. ROBB, *Clerk.*

VERMONT.

The Vermont Presbytery would respectfully report:

Since the last meeting of Synod we have held one regular and one called meeting.

We have three congregations; one of these, Ryegate, is a vacancy. D. C. Faris has been appointed stated supply for the coming year.

The Barnet congregation was recommended to the Board of Sustentation.

Presbytery asks the Board of Domestic Missions to assist Ryegate to the amount of seventy-five dollars.

Our quota to Synod's traveling fund is full.

Our statistical report was duly forwarded.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. TAYLOR, *Clerk.*

The Committee on State of Religion was directed to report next year, especially upon the subject of church growth.

The Committee on Traveling Fund reported. Adopted and is as follows:

Traveling Fund.

Your Committee on the Traveling Fund report: That the total receipts of this year are \$2,769.00; the expenses are \$3,080.49; the deficit is \$311.49. The number of delegates attending the present meeting of Synod is 152. This renders necessary an assessment of \$2.05 per member. We herewith append the following tabulated statement:

PRESBYTERIES,	Quotas,	Expenses,	Surplus,	Deficit,	Number of Delegates,	Assessment,	Due from Presbytery,	Due to Presbytery.
N. B. and N. S.	\$ 42.90	\$ 64.52	\$	\$ 21.62	2	\$ 4.10	\$	\$ 17.52
Iowa	242.70	452.79	.....	210.09	15	30.75	.....	179.34
Lakes	176.10	155.06	21.04	.....	10	20.50	41.54	.....
Kansas	440.10	1026.32	.....	586.22	26	53.30	.....	532.92
Pittsburgh	642.60	575.65	66.95	.....	47	96.35	163.30	.....
Ohio	82.80	44.63	38.17	.....	3	6.15	44.32	.....
Colorado	68.70	99.30	.....	30.60	3	6.15	.....	24.45
Vermont	39.60	48.54	.....	8.94	3	6.15	.....	2.79
Philadelphia	184.50	67.59	116.91	.....	6	12.30	129.21	.....
Rochester	99.90	16.98	82.92	.....	6	12.30	95.22	.....
New York	508.20	152.99	355.21	.....	19	38.95	394.16	.....
Illinois	240.90	376.12	.....	135.22	12	24.60	.....	110.62
Totals.....	\$2769.00	\$3080.49	\$681.20	\$992.69	152	\$311.60	\$867.75	\$867.64

Your Committee recommend the reaffirmation of the resolution adopted last year, viz.: That the Committee on rates be instructed to lay carefully their plans to insure the required number of certificates, hereafter instructing particularly members of Synod who will be required to get certificates, whether ministers or elders, and that any one failing to comply with the instructions of this Committee shall forfeit a share in the Traveling Fund, in case of failure to get the required number of certificates.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BLACK,
J. S. MCGAW,
S. MCNAUGHER,
LOUIS MEYER,
R. C. MONTGOMERY,
A. A. SAMSON,
S. J. CROWE,
J. C. FRENCH,
R. HARGRAVE.

R. H. Martin and John A. Dodds received leave of absence.
Adjourned with prayer by W. P. Johnston.

SAME PLACE, Tuesday, June 3.

MORNING SESSION.

Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called. Carlisle, J. M. Foster, Latimer, McClure and Taylor were absent. McClure soon appeared.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The following was read and approved.

LETTER TO REV. DR. ROBERTS, SECRETARY OF THE WESTERN SECTION
OF THE ALLIANCE.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., June 3, 1902.

*Rev. Dr. William Henry Roberts, Secretary of the Western Section
of the Alliance of Reformed Churches, holding the Presbyterian
System :*

DEAR BROTHER: The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, now in session here, respectfully forwards to you, through our representative on the Executive Commission, Rev. Dr. J. C. McFeeters, of Philadelphia, the following communication. We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter, and also of fifty copies of the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Commission, held in Pittsburgh in April last.

The Clerk of Synod will send to the Treasurer of the Western Section our annual contribution to the expenses of the Alliance, and will communicate to you the names of the delegates to the Eighth Council, to be held in Liverpool in 1904.

You call our attention, in your letter, to the Minutes which you kindly forwarded. We are constrained to refer to three reports, the adoption of which by the Executive Commission is noted in these Minutes. First of all, the report of the Committee on Religious Liberty in the New Possessions, and of the Committee on Moral Conditions in the New Territories. We do not attribute to the Executive Commission all the sentiments in the body of these reports; but to prevent any misunderstanding, or any unwarranted use of these reports in pending controversies, this Synod disclaims any responsibility for the expressions on pages 14 to 18 inclusive, that might be quoted as favoring the divorce of Religion and the Commonwealth, and of Religion and the Schools, though mainly directed against the Papal idea of the domination of the State by the Church. There is a failure herein to assert the true doctrine of the Reformed Faith on these questions. As to a third report, that of the Committee on Co operation in Foreign Missions. While this Synod favors the union in one native church of the missions, in the foreign field, that are one in doctrine, polity, and worship, yet we do not favor this step on the part of those missions. which may differ in doctrine or worship, though they agree in polity. This subject of Church Union, we believe, is the province of the churches themselves, rather than of the Alliance.

Synod sends its greetings to the Executive Commission, and trusts that the Council at Liverpool in 1904 will show great progress in the work of the Reformed churches in all lands.

On behalf of Synod,

Your brethren in Christ,

———— *Moderator.*

———— *Clerk.*

A resolution respecting intersessional seminary study was read and referred to the Board of Superintendents of Theological Seminary.

Paper No. 25.—Letter from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod. Read and laid on the table.

The Committee on National Reform reported on Item 4. Referred to the Committee on National Reform to report next year. Report adopted and is as follows :

National Reform.

The assassination of the President of the country by an avowed anarchist, called the attention of leading men to the origin of civil government. The right of the people to establish a government was denied. Ministers and others came to the defense. The only logical defense is that government is of God.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, in an able argument, published in the *Outlook*, shows conclusively "That if just government rests upon the consent of the governed, as its basis, then there can be no just government where the people do not consent. And that if it rests upon a convention, and men say I never entered the convention, nor authorized my parents to enter for me, and I demand my right to secede on the premise spoken of, there is no adequate answer to his conclusion."

But Dr. Abbott says, "Government does not grow out of a civil compact, nor does it rest upon the consent of the governed. We are born under law," and he quotes Hooker as saying, "Law proceeds from the bosom of Almighty God."

In the light of the past attitude of leading religious papers, it is cheering to reform workers that papers like the *Outlook* now maintain the truth of the Divine origin of the State.

The discussion of socialistic questions emphasizes the truth that Christ rules over men in all relations, and that the Bible is the book that solves both social and civic difficulties.

One writer says, "Much of the Bible, to many people, means next to nothing, because they have no perception of its sociological purpose. Until we perceive that the Hebrew nation is the type of all national life, what shall we make of all this ado over kings, wars and revolutions." He says also, "The Old Testament is as truly the text-book of national life, as the New Testament is the text-book of church life."

Josiah Strong, in his book, "The Next Awakening," argues that the great theme of Christ's teaching is the Kingdom of God.

The kingdom is not confined to the church, visible or invisible, but it is a world-wide society in which there is universal obedience to the Divine law administered by the Lord's Anointed.

The relation of our country to Cuba, and the possessions newly acquired, raises the problem of obligation. Writers have noticed that the President used the word "ought" in his message one hundred times. As applied to the State the word means that the nation is a moral person, with moral aims and duties. The law of God is the only perfect standard of obligation.

The effort to exclude the Bible from the schools of Nebraska and elsewhere affords the opportunity to discuss government as a Divine ordinance, and to make prominent the historical argument for the supremacy of Christ in our country. Thus, we have evidence that the truth of the kingship of Christ is taking root downward and will soon bear fruit upward.

The year has been one of activity in National Reform work.

I. OUR MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE LAWS.

A memorial to the Commissioners on Uniform Laws received a large number of influential signatures.

The Association of Southern Illinois prepared a memorial to the Commissioners from that State and sent it to the ministers of the leading churches for signature and transmission. Our pastors in Colorado, with the Rev. James D. Rankin, appeared before the body of Commissioners in the city of Denver, Col., last August and plead for the Christian law of marriage and divorce. Four thousand copies of the *Christian Statesman*, containing an open letter in support of the Bill to regulate procedure in divorce cases were sent to an equal number of State legislators.

II. THE BIBLE IN THE SCHOOLS.

Ten thousand copies of Dr. R. C. Wylie's pamphlet on our educational system, have been printed and distributed with care. When the Jewish Rabbinical Association of Baltimore attempted to have the Bible excluded from the schools of that city, special and successful efforts were made for its retention. The subject, as well as the subject of divorce laws, found a place on the programmes of all the conventions.

The Executive Committee a year ago recommended that the second Sabbath of September be observed as a day for prayer for public and private schools. This recommendation was adopted by the Executive Committee of the Presbyterian Alliance and has been laid before all the Presbyterian Assemblies and Synods which meet this spring.

III. SUMMER ASSEMBLIES.

The principles of the Association were ably presented by Dr. D. C. Martin, at Winona, and by the Rev. J. G. Gilmore at Silver Lake, New York, and at Glen Park, Chatauqua, Colorado, by the Rev. T. H. Acheson.

IV. NATIONAL THANKSGIVING.

Dr. D. C. Martin, by appointment, waited upon President Roosevelt, and asked the acknowledgment of Christ in his Thanksgiving proclamation. The President in declining remarked, that it was not usual so to frame the proclamation.

A committee was raised at the National Reform Convention in Pittsburgh to take more general action this year. A leaflet has been prepared by this committee on the subject, "Our National Thanksgiving Days." Church courts will be asked to memorialize the President of the United States and Governors of States, requesting the recognition of Christ in their proclamations. An appeal will be made to pastors for a more general recognition of the day. Christian colleges will be asked to abstain from athletic sports on this day. State Legislatures will also be asked to pass a law requiring the closing of saloons on this day.

V. CHINESE EXCLUSION.

A memorial to Congress in opposition to the Chinese Exclusion Bill was widely circulated. The National Convention took earnest action on this subject and forwarded it directly to Congress.

VI.

A very prominent part of the work for the past year has been the distribution of literature.

Thousands of copies of the leaflet, "The National Reform Movement," copies of "Christian Statesman" devoted to educational subjects; calls for conventions and other literature have been distributed. Carefully prepared articles have been sent to the "Public Press."

With special view to the increase of our literature, and conducting correspondence with local secretaries and the "Public Press," and to perfect the organization, Dr. T. P. Stevenson was appointed General Secretary.

VII. PUBLIC MEETINGS.

The Convention in connection with the annual meeting of the Association was attended by an aggregate of three thousand people. Nearly one hundred meetings were held in preparation for this Convention. Fifteen local conventions were held. Dr. and Mrs. George labored in the vicinity of Pittsburgh until December 1. Since that time they have labored in the Southern States, holding conventions, addressing meetings, interviewing leading men, and distributing literature. Prof. Dill has conducted seven National Reform Institutes. He arranged for fifty-four public meetings, in Philadelphia, and performed other labors.

VIII. SPECIAL WORK.

In order to secure such observance of the Lord's day in Cuba by the United States authorities as will properly represent the attitude of this country towards the Lord's day, Dr. McAllister

was appointed to confer with the War Department at Washington, D. C., and with Governor Wood and other authorities in Havana, Cuba. While Secretary Root and General Wood did not admit that the evils complained of existed to the full extent reported Secretary Root promised to do what he could to remove the evils.

Dr. McAllister was sent as a fraternal delegate to the First Conference of Evangelical missionaries in Cuba, held at Cienfuegos Feb. 18-20, 1902. His address on the Moral Ends of Education was given the place of honor on the last evening of the Conference.

The Conference cordially adopted resolutions in favor of the proper observance of the Sabbath on the part of the government, and in favor of Christian instruction in the public schools.

It is matter for gratitude that the Constitution of Cuba recognizes the authority of God, and the necessity for Christian morals.

Steps have been inaugurated whereby a suitable exhibit showing the place and power of Christianity as a factor in our national life, may be made in the exposition at St. Louis in 1904.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That we have cause for thanksgiving to our God for the work done and progress made in the cause of National Reform.

2nd. We are now able to see the abundant fruit from the courteous, candid and Christian methods by which this cause has been advocated in the past, and we now urge our secretaries, ministers and workers, not only to fidelity in proclaiming the honor due our Lord, but we also urge them to use language, arguments and illustrations that appeal to the candid judgment and sense of right of Christian brethren.

3rd. That we increase our zeal in the advocacy of the claims of Christ, as the King of nations, and we appeal to the church to continue, and if possible, to exceed her past bounty in supporting this cause, and we urge earnest effort to raise the full appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. RENWICK WYLIE,

D. S. FARIS,

A. S. GILCHRIST,

WILLIAM ORR,

Committee.

A collection of \$19.50 was lifted to be handed to the Treasurer of Syracuse congregation.

Dr. J. M. and Mrs. Wright, the new missionaries to China, were introduced to Synod and spoke briefly.

The Committee on Home Missions reported. Items adopted. N. R. Johnston gave notice that he would dissent from the adoption of the item discontinuing the Oakland mission. Devotional exercises were postponed till the beginning of the afternoon session. Representatives of the Indian, Southern and Jewish missions were heard. Report adopted and is as follows:

Home Missions.

Your Committee would respectfully report : Three papers have been referred to us :—

1. Report of the Central Board of Missions.
2. Report of the Mission Conference.
3. Report of the Mission to the Jews.

The work of superintending, fostering and directing the affairs of the home missions of the church is no easy task, neither is it, at the present time, the least important. Through our home missions alone can we expect the extension and enlargement of our beloved Zion in this land. Only as we are enlarged and strengthened at home can we expect to enlarge and extend our work in foreign fields.

The reports show that there are more than thirty congregations and mission stations under the fostering care of Synod. Several of these are in strategic points ; for example, in St. John, N. B., Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Topeka, Denver and Seattle. It is important that the congregations organized in these great cities shall be established and maintained, that they may become centres of influence for the enlightenment of the communities round about with reference to the great principles for which, as a church, we contend. The great need in the domestic mission field, next to the infilling of the Holy Spirit, is the means successfully to prosecute the work. Notwithstanding this lack the work of the past year is not wanting in encouragement. Much good seed has been sown ; some fruit has been gathered in.

With reference to the Domestic Mission field we recommend :

1. That in view of the deficit in the treasury of this fund and the fact that the salaries of the missionaries are not fully paid, involving hardship to a greater or less extent, pastors, elders and deacons be urged to make strenuous efforts to raise the full appropriations to this fund.
2. That congregations and mission stations be reminded that if they desire to receive aid from the Domestic Mission Funds they must report quarterly to the clerks of their respective Presbyteries as to the work done ; and that clerks of Presbyteries be instructed to take the necessary steps to secure these reports in time to forward them to the Central Board before the meetings at which distribution of funds is made.
3. That Synod accede to the request of the Central Board of Missions and that the fiscal quarters commence with July, October, January and April.

With reference to the Southern Mission we recommend :

1. That Synod has heard with gratification the reports from this field ; that we recognize the fidelity of Rev. J. G. Reed and his co-laborers in instructing those committed to their care not only in the things which will fit for usefulness in this life, but also in storing their minds with divine truth which is able to make wise unto salvation.

2. That in view of the fact that our laborers in this field are not comfortably housed, and that Mr. Reed has been commissioned by the Central Board of Missions to raise the means to provide a commodious habitation, we commend him to the liberality of the church.

The Indian Mission deserves special notice. We recommend :

1. That we record our gratitude to God that the health of our missionary in Cache Creek, so sadly broken one year ago, has been so fully restored, that he has been able to resume his work with vigor and that he is in our midst to-day.

2. That the thanks of Synod be extended to those through whose benefactions a hospital has been provided for the sick, and other improvements made, and especially to the women of Pittsburgh Presbyterian Society who have paid the salary of the missionary from the inception of the work.

The work of the Chinese Mission in Oakland, California, has been prosecuted amidst discouragements during the year.

Our missionary, Mrs. N. R. Johnston, resigned at the end of last year and withdrew from the field.

We recommend that in view of the fact that no suitable person, who is a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, has been found in Oakland to take the place, the recommendation of the Central Board of Missions be approved, the mission discontinued and the funds for this mission distributed according to the Gregg bequest.

The report from the Jewish Mission indicates tribulations and trials on the one hand, on the other hard work and encouragement. This mission is to be congratulated on having entered a new and commodious home free of debt. We recommend this mission to the continued sympathy and support of the church.

In closing our report, we recommend that the Central Board of Missions and the Secretary of the Committee on the Jewish Mission be heard in urging the claims of the respective missions under their care.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. TRUMBULL,
J. REN. WYLIE,
R. C. MONTGOMERY,
H. O'NEILL,
W. T. ANDERSON.

Central Board.

The meetings of the Board have been held regularly and have been well attended. Work has been prosecuted in the different fields without interruption and with some degree of success.

DOMESTIC MISSION.

\$8,055 was appropriated by Synod at its last meeting from the Domestic Mission Fund to aid weak congregations. Twenty-five per cent. of the appropriation of the Synod of 1900 remained un-

paid, making a total of \$10,355. The receipts were \$7,744.44; expenditures, \$8,049.18, leaving a deficit of \$304.74. In addition to this, \$1,826.25 for the last quarter of the present year is due, making a total of \$2,130.99. The attention of Synod is called to the condition of this fund and the necessity that an effort be made to make up the present deficit and pay the laborers for services already rendered.

After the above was written, a check for \$1,000 for the fund was received from a generous friend of the mission, whose name is withheld. This enabled the Board to pay fifty per cent. of the fourth quarter of this year.

In view of the condition of the treasury, the Board did not feel justified in incurring the expense necessary to send an agent "to visit the Southern States and determine the advisability of inaugurating work among the whites of these States."

The Board has endeavored to carry out the direction of Synod with reference to the quarterly distribution of the appropriations, but has not been able to do so satisfactorily on account of the failure of some of the clerks of Presbyteries to make report of work done. We recommend that our fiscal year begin hereafter on July 1st, distribution to be made at our meetings in October, January, April and July.

Balance.....	\$47.10
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Receipts.

From Congregations.....	4,827.38
From Dividends.....	2,869.96

\$7,744.44

Expenditures	8,049.18
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Balance overdrawn.....	\$304.74
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. We ask for this mission \$6,000.

SOUTHERN MISSION.

The teaching force this year is the same as last except that Miss Brown took the place of Miss Lena Beattie, who, on account of ill health, was not able to resume the work. Mr. Reed as superintendent, has entire charge. He is assisted by Miss Margaret McCartney, assistant superintendent, Miss Lizzie Brown, Miss Blanche George, Miss Sophia Kingston, Miss Lillian Hobbie, Miss May Beattie and Mrs. G. M. Simms, all of whom have been reappointed for another year. Mrs. Kate Wilhite, Miss Lillie Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Kynett, Mrs. Kingston and Miss Hattie Foster have been employed, when needed, as assistants.

The school opened on Monday, Sept. 30, with an attendance of over three hundred, and closed on May 21. The total enrollment was five hundred and forty-three; average attendance, three hundred and fifty-three.

The course of instruction was the same as during the preceding year. An effort is now being made to effect a change by which it will be better adapted to the needs of the pupils and more in accordance with modern methods.

Mrs. Reed continued her instruction in vocal music, and with encouraging success. A half hour was given once a week to each room. No extra charge was made to the pupils. In addition to this Mrs. Reed has a mandolin club which meets once a week and about a dozen private pupils on the piano.

A sewing class has been organized, of which she has charge. A machine was purchased with funds especially contributed for that purpose. The class consists of both girls and boys. They take quite an interest in the instruction given. Mr. Reed thinks it practicable to establish an industrial department for both boys and girls. This he believes to be much needed.

The religious training of the scholars is not neglected. There are chapel exercises every morning for about twenty minutes, consisting of singing Psalms, reading Scriptures, with short explanations or exhortations and prayer. In the different rooms the first twenty minutes of each half-day are spent in committing Bible verses and questions in Brown's and the Westminster Shorter Catechisms. The portions committed during the week are recited in concert in the prayer meeting hour on Thursday morning, each class rising in succession. One hundred and thirty-seven thousand six hundred and twenty-one questions and Bible verses have been committed during the year. The pupils are required to attend either the Sabbath School on Sabbath morning or the Bible class in the afternoon. The average attendance is one hundred and twenty-one in the former and one hundred and seventy-nine in the latter, or a total of three hundred.

The income from tuition this year is \$661.90. Contributions for other purposes, much of it for poor children, amounted to \$85.45; commissions on books and school supplies to between \$50 and \$60, and sale of articles to \$44. From this fund have been paid for salaries \$576.40, coal bill \$77, as also other items of expense.

Liberal contributions of clothing, books, papers, toys, Bibles, Testaments, etc., have been received from a number of congregations. These have proved of great advantage to the mission.

Mr. Reed in his report bears testimony to the good work done by the teachers. "The year in school," he adds, "has been most gratifying, free from disturbances and difficult cases of discipline, and that I attribute largely to the wisdom and patience of the teachers."

PLEASANT GROVE.

In addition to the winter school which lasted six months Mr. Pickens had a summer school for two months. In the former the enrollment was fifty-three and average attendance twenty-two; in the latter seventy-five and nineteen. The total number of Questions and Bible verses committed was nineteen thousand one

hundred and forty-six. The Sabbath School is well attended. Four of the scholars united with the church this spring.

VALLEY CREEK.

Miss Hattie Foster, who is in charge here, is a graduate of Knox Academy. She afterwards took a two years' course in Talledega College and holds a state certificate for teaching. Of her work as a teacher and her business management, Mr. Reed speaks in high terms. "The schoolroom" he writes, "is a model of neatness." The amount collected by her for tuition was \$21, about one-sixth of her salary. The enrollment was thirty-seven; average attendance, twenty-eight. The total number of Bible verses and questions committed was six thousand one hundred and four. The interest in the community has been growing and is seen in the increasing attendance upon the Sabbath service. Mr. Reed preaches here once a month to an audience largely of children.

THE CONGREGATION.

Mr. Kingston is still stated supply. Preaching services have been held twice each Sabbath during the school year, and once each Sabbath during the summer. The congregation will report a decrease this year. This is the result of a careful purging of the roll.

The congregation is doing well financially. There is a small deficit of \$50, which will no doubt soon be raised. The total contributions for the year amount to about \$450.

A commission of Illinois Presbytery, consisting of Rev. J. C. French, G. W. Benn, and Elder John E. Wilson of Bethel, visited the congregation. The Lord's Supper was dispensed when they were there. Their visit as also that of Dr. and Mrs. George, who remained about two weeks, proved very helpful to the mission. The workers were also cheered by short calls from Elder James Torrence, of St. Louis, and Mr. R. G. Reed, of the United Miami congregation. The building now occupied by the mission force is not large enough for their accommodation. Mr. Reed has been authorized to canvass the church for funds with which to make needed changes or erect a new building as may be determined. The amount of money needed for this purpose will not be less than \$1,500.

Balance.....	\$149 88
<i>Receipts.</i>	
From Congregation.....	3,696.55
From Dividends.....	680.64
From Bequests and other sums.....	141.00
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	\$4,668.07
Expenditures.....	4,574 30
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Balance.....	\$93.77
We ask for this mission \$5,000.	

INDIAN MISSION.

Mr. Carrithers, who on account of ill health was obliged to take a vacation at the close of the school term last year, did not return to the mission until Oct. 2. We are glad to be able to state that his health has entirely recovered and that he has exercised supervision over the mission during the year without interruption. During his absence the work was carried on under the direction of Rev. J. R. W. Stevenson.

The school opened at the usual time and closed on May 12. The enrollment during the year was fifty-five; twenty-seven boys and twenty eight girls. The attendance was as large as could be accommodated. The following books were read and explained to the children during the year. "Useful Animals," "Bible Natural History," "My Mother's Bible Stories," "Story of the Gospel," "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "Poor Henry," "Beautiful Joe," "Bessie and Henry," and "Titus." Lessons were given from "Woods' Natural History." Temperance instruction was imparted throughout the year. There were memorized thirteen thousand three hundred and seventeen questions and Bible verses.

There was considerable sickness, mainly la grippe and following that, pneumonia. One of the members of the congregation and two of the children died during the year. One of the latter, a little Apache girl had a very triumphant death. Neither she nor any of her relations belonged to the church. The children had been taken from the school and died at the homes of their parents.

Sabbath School for the children in the school and also for those Indians who came to the Mission was held regularly, and since the whites came another was organized for them. Sabbath service was kept up at the mission and also at the Apache Camp the entire year, and for part of the time at Mt. Scott.

The white immigration brought with it many temptations to the Indians, and while the attitude of the latter to the mission has never been better, still numbers of them are being overcome by the temptations to which they are exposed, such as gambling, drinking, etc. To counteract the hurtful influences now at work will require the force of the mission to be kept up to its highest efficiency.

The Lord's Supper was dispensed once during the year. Four Indians were received by profession and one white by certificate. Kansas Presbytery will hold its next meeting in November, at the mission, when the Lord's Supper will be dispensed and if the way is clear, a congregation organized.

A number of changes have been made in the mission force during the year. Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys resigned, their resignation taking effect on December 1, 1901. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson and Mr. and Mrs. Logan remained till the close of the school year, when their connection with the work ceased. Mr. Carrithers writes in warm terms of the deep interest manifested in the missions by these workers and of the regret their resignation occasioned. Dur-

ing the small pox epidemic Mrs. Dr. Humphreys rendered invaluable service. Mrs. Logan's health did not permit her to remain in so warm a climate. Mr. Stevenson left to take charge of the congregation of Lake Reno, to which he had been called. The present force consists of Rev. W. W. Carrithers, superintendent, Miss Alice Carrithers, field matron, Mr. McAnlis and daughter, and Miss Mary Wilson. Some needed repairs have been made on the mission buildings. The hospital is now under roof and, it is expected, will be completed this summer. It is built of stone and very substantial. When completed it will supply a long-felt want. Enough of money is on hand or has been promised to meet the entire cost.

The expenses of the mission have been increased on account of the government having issued an order at the time of the opening of the school that no subsistence should be given to the children in mission schools.

Control has been received of a section of land from the Indians for two years and the use of another allotment, the length of time not specified. The graveyard, consisting of eighty acres, has also been given to the mission for its use. All this has necessitated the building of eight and a half miles of fence which was done with no money outlay.

The relations between the Board and Mission force continue as they have always been, of the most cordial character. Mr. Carrithers in reporting this adds, "I am convinced that this is an important factor in the success of any mission work done under the direction of a Board."

The Woman's Presbyterial Society of Pittsburgh Presbytery continues to manifest the same deep interest in the mission it has from the first. Its annual contribution of \$1,000, which is about one-fourth of the entire receipts this year, very materially aids in the carrying on of the work.

Receipts.

From Congregation.....		\$3,967.78
From Bequests.....		5.00
From Dividends.....		71.25
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		\$4,044.03
Balance overdrawn.....	443.36	
Expenditures	4,456.57	
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		4,899.93
Balance overdrawn		\$855.90
We ask for this mission \$5,000.		

CHINESE HOME MISSION.

Mrs. Johnston, assisted by her daughter, Miss Grace Johnston, continued in charge of the mission until the close of the year.

Her removal to the east, necessitated a change and Mrs. Boreland, who had previously superintended the work, but was necessitated to give it up, was appointed in her place. She has had oversight since January and has given entire satisfaction. She is assisted by Mr. George Hanmore.

The largest enrollment any one month was twenty-one, the average attendance was nearly twelve. The interest in the mission is increasing. Two of the scholars, members of the church, who had returned nearly two years previous to China, have come back. Their visit home did not weaken their attachment to the faith they had embraced. They are now in regular attendance at the mission. It is but proper to add that during the time of their connection with the work in Oakland, Mr. and Mrs. Johnston ever evinced a warm interest in it. They were unwearied in their efforts to promote its success. With reference to the future of this mission the Board recommends to Synod its discontinuance and the distribution of the funds in accordance with the Gregg bequest.

Balance.....	\$205.06
<i>Receipts.</i>	
From Congregations.....	555.38
From Dividends.....	468.97
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	\$1,229.41
Expenditures.....	725.45
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Balance	\$503.96

JEWISH MISSION.

The monthly remittance has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the mission in Philadelphia.

Balance.....	\$173.15
<i>Receipts.</i>	
From Congregations.....	946.37
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	\$1,119.52
Expenditures.....	1,080.00
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Balance.....	\$39.52

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SPROULL, *Chairman.*
 A. C. COULTER, *Secretary.*
 W. J. COLEMAN, *Cor. Secretary.*

JEWISH MISSION.

The work of this mission has been carried forward during the past year without intermission, and with a good degree of encouragement. During the summer of last year the mission in its new locality met with much hostility on the part of the Jewish community. This was withstood and overcome by our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg, in excellent spirit and with courage. The attendance, which was for a time diminished, has greatly increased during the last few months, and is now as large as formerly, both on Sabbath and through the week. The prospects at present are favorable and encouraging.

To carry forward the work the coming year to good advantage will require not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.)

The Committee of Presbytery in charge of the mission believe that it would be to the advantage of the mission to have the missionary, Mr. Greenberg, ordained. We therefore ask Synod to give direction in regard to this matter. A financial statement is herewith submitted.

J. C. McFEETERS, *Secretary.*

Building Fund Account of the Jewish Mission, 800 South 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Receipts.

Subscriptions	\$7,763.60
Interest on deposit	4.95
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	\$7,768.55

Disbursements.

Cost of property, repairs and furnishings, 800 South 5th Street.....	\$7,463.38
Agent's commission in connection with purchasing 800 South 5th Street and sale of 725 Lombard Street.....	84.00
Interest on mortgage, 800 South 5th Street	81.00
Traveling expenses for Mr. Greenberg, when soliciting subscriptions.....	124 46
Balance transferred to general expense account.....	15 71
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	\$7,768.55

WM. G. CARSON, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.

J. C. McFEETERS,
R. C. MONTGOMERY,
Committee.

General Expense Account of the Jewish Mission, 800 South 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Total receipts as itemized in my report in the <i>Christian Nation</i> of May 21st, 1902	\$1,449.60
Balance from previous year.....	93.22
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	\$1,542.82

Disbursements.

Mr. M. Greenberg, salary	\$780.00
Sundry other expenses connected with mission	659 79
Balance.....	103.03
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	1,542.82

WILLIAM G. CARSON, *Treasurer.*

MISSION CONFERENCE.

The Mission Conference, which met in the Syracuse R. P. Church on Tuesday, May 28, 1902, and which consisted of the members of the Central Board and a representative from each of the Presbyteries, respectfully recommend to the Synod the following appropriations :

To Colorado Presbytery :

For Denver	\$500.00	
For La Junta, in case of settlement.....	300.00	
For La Junta, for supplies.....	200.00	
For Seattle.....	200.00	\$1,200.00

To Illinois Presbytery :

For Coulterville, for stated supply	150.00	
For Staunton	300.00	450.00

To Iowa Presbytery :

For Chicago (in case they raise \$200) ..	800.00	
For Hickory Grove.....	150.00	950.00

To Kansas Presbytery :

For Billings	350.00	
For Holmwood (an amount equal to that raised by Cong. for preaching not to exceed)	350.00	
For Quinter (on same condition for half time)	200.00	
For Tabor, for a Pastor \$300; for Supplies	200 00	
For Topeka, for stated supply.....	500.00	
For Wahoo	300.00	2,200.00

To Lakes Presbytery :

For Belle Centre }		
For Bellefontaine }	350.00	
For Fair Grove (an amount equal to that contributed by Cong. for preaching up to).....	300.00	650.00

To N. B. & N. S. Presbytery :

For Cornwallis.....	300.00	
For St. John	150.00	450.00

To New York Presbytery :

For Kortright.....	200.00	200.00
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To Ohio Presbytery :

For Mansfield.....	100.00	
For Middle Wheeling	50.00	
For Muskingum and Tomica.....	100.00	
For New Concord	200.00	450.00

To Philadelphia Presbytery:

For Baltimore and Conococheague	200.00	200.00
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To Pittsburgh Presbytery :

For Adamsville and Middletown.....	260.00	
For Centrevill	30.00	
For East End.....	200.00	
For McKeesport	500.00	
For Oil Creek	80.00	
For Rehoboth	80.00	
For Youngstown	350.00	1,500.00

Pittsburgh Presbytery undertakes besides the Synodical collection to raise \$200 of this amount. We recommend that the balance, \$1,300, be granted to this Presbytery in a lump sum.

To Rochester Presbytery :

For Lisbon.....	100.00	100.00
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To Vermont Presbytery :

For Ryegate.....	75.00	75.00
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J. W. SPROULL, *Chairman.*
W. J. COLEMAN, *Clerk.*

The Committee on Finance reported.

Recess was taken with prayer by William S. Wilson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by J. C. Robb.
Devotional exercises were held, R. M. Sommerville leading.
Roll-call was omitted.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table.

Item 8. Report of Committee on Discipline laid on the table at last meeting of Synod, P. 117.

Substitute for previous motion entertained and the whole matter indefinitely postponed.

Item 7. Committee on Distribution of Home Mission and Sustentation Fund. D. H. Coulter, P. 113. No action. Committee continued.

Item 9. Publishing Minutes. Clerk. Reported as follows :

Printing Minutes of 1901.

The Clerk would respectfully report that he published 850 copies of the Minutes of 1901.

The expense was	\$240.58
The receipts from the sale of 688 copies was	178.88
Deficit	<u>\$61.70</u>

25 copies were given to the Christian Reformed Church.

14 copies were either given away or lost in the mail.

On hand, 123 copies.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. SHAW.

Item 10. Correction of Minutes. Clerk. Reported as follows:

Correction of Minutes.

Page 5. From list of absentees strike out "J. C. Slater" and insert R. A. Paden.

P. 29. Second line from bottom for "P. T." read T. P.

P. 71. Fourteenth line for "as" read "to."

P. 159. Second foot-note insert † between "College" and "for."

Item 11. Committee on Federation of Labor, R. C. Wylie, P. 134. Reported as follows :

Report of Committee on Labor Organizations.

That laborers have the right to organize for mutual improvement and for the purpose of obtaining what is just and equitable is self-evident, and therefore requires no proof. That there is need of such organization is clear to all who are familiar with the industrial history of our times.

This investigation of trade and labor unions is undertaken in no spirit of unfriendliness to any class, but with a sincere purpose of dealing fairly and frankly with all who in any manner are concerned with the present industrial controversies. One principal object is to determine the character and purpose of existing trade and labor unions, and to learn their value as a means of promoting the welfare of their members. To arrive at a just conclusion they must be considered from various points of view.

1. It is fitting that they be considered, first of all, from the point of view of their members and advocates. For centuries there have been guilds, societies and fraternities of one kind and another, for the benefit of those engaged in the various industrial pursuits, but until a very recent period these organizations were few in number and their membership small. Since the organization of industry, the introduction of the factory system, and the combination of capital, these unions have greatly multiplied, their membership has vastly increased, and there has been attained by them a greater measure of unity and co-operation. Two principles have operated to bring about these results. The first is, that men who think alike should act together. This principle combines into societies those who follow the same occupation. The second principle is, that men of all vocations should work harmoniously for the good of all. This principle combines societies of workmen of various callings into one great federation.

The operation of these principles has brought into existence three great orders. These are the Knights of Labor, the American Federation of Labor and the American Railway Union. There are other national organizations, and there are local unions not affiliated with any national organization, but these are the most important and have succeeded in consolidating most of the local unions. The general purpose of all is the same, namely, to secure by united effort certain rights of which they believe employers seek to deprive them. The constitution of the General Assembly of the Knights of Labor declares the aims of the Association, in part, to be, "To secure to the workers the full enjoyment of the wealth they create; sufficient leisure in which to develop their intellectual, moral and social faculties; all of the benefits, recreations and pleasures of association, etc." (Preamble, p. 3).

The constitution of the American Federation of Labor begins as follows: "Whereas a struggle is going on in all the nations of the civilized world between the oppressors and the oppressed of all countries, a struggle between the capitalist and the laborer, which grows in intensity from year to year, and will work disastrous results to the toiling millions if they are not combined for mutual protection and benefit.

"It, therefore, behooves the representatives of the Trade and Labor Unions of America, in convention assembled, to adopt such measures and disseminate such principles among the mechanics and laborers of our country as will permanently unite them to

secure the recognition of the rights to which they are justly entitled. The objects of this Federation shall be the encouragement and formation of local Trade and Labor Unions, and the closer federation of such societies through the organization of Central Trade and Labor Unions in every city, and the further combination of such bodies into State, Territorial or Provincial organizations, to secure legislation in the interest of the working masses to aid and encourage the sale of union-label goods . . . to secure national legislation in the interest of the working people, etc" (Constitution, Article II, Sections 1, 2 and 3). In similar terms the constitutions of other unions set forth the grievances of laborers and the necessity of organization to secure their rights. By united effort they hope to be able to control wages and the hours of labor, to secure the repeal of obnoxious laws and the enactment of laws more favorable to the laboring classes, and to bring about a great variety of reforms which they believe will conduce to the welfare of mankind.

From the most recent and reliable tables it is learned that the membership of the American Federation of Labor is 1,200,000; of Railway Brotherhoods 147,000; of the Knights of Labor and unenumerated associations 120,000; of other national unions 136,000; making a total of 1,603,000. (New York Labor Bulletin, December, 1901, p. 297).

The members of these unions follow, for the most part, the manufacturing and mechanical industries. Carroll D. Wright, United States Commissioner of Labor, states that 29.71 per cent., or less than one-third of those engaged in these industries, belong to trade and labor unions. (Industrial Evolution of the United States, p. 262). Strenuous efforts are put forth to bring these non-union men into the unions. It is urged that, since they share in the benefits of the reforms secured by labor organizations, they ought to share in the labor and expense of securing them by joining these organizations. Unions that have sick, death, accident and strike benefits are the most popular and successful.

Carroll D. Wright says, "Labor organizations have had much to do with the development of industry, the legislation which relates to labor, and the establishment of some very deep and vital principles affecting not only labor itself, but the general welfare of the public."

It will be observed that from the point of view from which we have been considering trade and labor unions, they present quite a favorable showing.

2. The economical aspects of these organizations will next be considered. Vast sums of money are collected by them for various purposes. The dues for membership range from twenty-five cents a month to fifty cents or more a week. The leaders of these unions urge high dues. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, maintains that they should not be less than fifty cents a month, so that there may be funds for times of industrial stagnation, panics, and defeats in contests. The eco-

nomical aspect of these contests calls for special consideration. Trade and labor unions without exception regard the strike as a legitimate weapon of offence and defence. Samuel Gompers admits that strikes ought to be avoided, but he adds, "we shall always insist upon our right to quit work for any reason or for no reason at all." (Address before the Arbitration Conference, Chicago, Dec. 17, 1900, pp. 5, 15.)

The report of the United States Commissioner of Labor for 1901 is devoted to Strikes and Lockouts for the twenty years beginning with 1881 and closing with 1900. During this period there were in the whole country 22,793 strikes, the most of which were ordered by labor unions. They involved 117,509 establishments. In 59,638 of these establishments, or about one-half, these strikes succeeded; in 15,325 they succeeded in part; in 42,509 they failed. The loss in wages to employes was \$257,863,478; in assistance to strikers \$16,174,793, making a total of \$274,038,271. The total loss to employers was less than half this sum, being only \$122,731,121.

(Sixteenth Annual Report of Commissioner of Labor, p. 353). Carroll D. Wright in speaking of these losses, says, "No statement could more thoroughly exhibit the wastefulness of a method than do these figures." (Industrial Evolution in the United States, p. 299).

But these figures do not tell the whole story. In the historic strike and lockout at Homestead, Pennsylvania, in 1892 the total loss to the strikers was \$1,935,000; the loss to the employers \$950,000, and the cost to the State \$440,246. The total loss of this one strike was \$3,325,246. (The Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, by Carroll D. Wright, p. 24.)

Another historic strike occurred in the Pittsburgh mills in 1901 which cost the strikers more than \$4,000,000, while the employers claim to have lost but little. (The Amalgamated Association, etc., p. 34)

In the great Chicago strike in 1894, which began at the works of the Pullman Palace Car Company, the employes lost in wages \$1,750,000. The railroad company lost by destruction of property and incidental expenses, \$685,308, and in earnings, \$5,000,000. The loss to the country is estimated by Bradstreet's at \$80,000,000. (Industrial Evolution, by Carroll D. Wright, p. 315.)

Let it be conceded that laborers have the right to quit work for any reason, or even to do so senseless a thing as to quit for no reason at all. They surely have not the right to destroy property or to inflict loss upon the public.

There is, of course, an effort by labor unions to show that strikes are usually successful and beneficial. Samuel Gompers in his report to the convention of the American Federation of Labor, held in Louisville, Kentucky, Dec. 6-15, 1900, said that 688 strikes were reported for the year, and that of this number, 455 were successful, 106 lost, 74 compromised, and 53 were still pending. These figures seem to indicate that the strike is a very efficient

weapon for enforcing the claims of laborers. But compare them with the figures of Carroll D. Wright for the same period. According to his report the whole number of strikes for the year 1900 was 1,779, involving 9,248 establishments. In 4,286 establishments, or less than half, they succeeded; in 1,903 they succeeded in part; in 3,041 they failed entirely.

Mr. Gompers, in his address delivered before the Arbitration Conference in Chicago, Dec. 17, 1900, maintained that the labor movement has actually secured a diminution in the number of strikes. He said, "In fact, the number and extent of strikes can be accurately gauged by the power, extent and financial resources of an organization in any trade or calling. The number of strikes rises with lack of or weakness in organization, and diminishes with the extent and power of the trades union movement" (page 7.) Place beside this claim the figures furnished by Commissioner Wright. The number of strikes in 1881 was 471. In 1885 the number rose to 645. In 1886 it mounted up to 1,432. In 1900 it reached 1,779. (Report for 1901, on Strikes and Lockouts, p. 16.) The claim is constantly made that laborers are becoming more thoroughly organized. And yet Mr. Wright's statistics show that strikes are on the increase. We shall either have to discredit Mr. Gompers's claim as to the tendency of organized labor to decrease the number of strikes, or discount the claim as to the rapid progress of organized labor. In any case such men as he show themselves to be unsafe leaders of the laboring classes.

3. Labor organizations will now be considered from the legal point of view. There is a vast body of law and a multitude of judicial decisions relating to labor and labor unions. Under common law it was formerly held to be conspiracy for workmen to combine together to raise their wages. But, even without statutory enactments, judges modified the application of the common law as to conspiracy, and maintained the right of laborers to combine to secure a betterment of their condition. In recent years a number of States and Territories have enacted laws defining how far a combination by employes to raise or maintain the rate of wages, or for kindred purposes, is to be protected, and by what acts they subject themselves to punishment. The rights of laborers to organize to improve their condition and gain their ends, to strike and to use peaceful means to induce others to strike, is protected by law in thirteen States. Their rights are further protected against blacklisting in twenty-seven States, and there is a Federal statute forbidding it on railroads doing an inter-state business. Considerable progress has been made in the effort to secure legislation making eight hours a legal day's work. Twenty-two States and the National Congress have laws to this effect.

There are also laws in many States designed to restrain the laboring classes from trampling upon the rights of others and of one another. Twenty-four States have laws which forbid boycotting. Workmen are forbidden by the laws of twenty-five States to use threats, intimidation, coercion, etc. Thirty States have laws

against acts committed with the intention of preventing employers from using their property and conducting their business. Twenty-one have laws providing for the formation of permanent boards of arbitration, before which by mutual consent disputes may be brought and arbitrated. At the conference of representatives of capital and labor, held in New York, Dec. 17, 1901, under the auspices of the National Civic Federation, a permanent board was appointed to settle differences between employers and labor unions.

The authority of the courts, both State and Federal, has frequently been invoked to protect the rights of laborers and to compel them to respect the rights of others. Only a few of these cases can be referred to. The decision of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts in the case of *Plant et al. v. Woods et al.*, shows that one labor union endeavored to compel the members of another union following the same occupation, to join with them so as to control the whole business more completely. This they refused to do. The first union declared the members of the second union not to be union men at all, and threatened that their employer "may expect to see trouble in his business." The court granted the injunction prayed for on the ground that such threats are unlawful. (Bulletin of the Department of Labor, No. 31, November, 1900, pp. 1294-1297.) The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, in the case of *Flaccus v. Smith et al.* maintained the right of a manufacturer to make his factory non-union and to contract with his workmen that they shall not join a labor union, and sustained an injunction granted by a lower court against the agent of a union, who was inducing them secretly to join the union in violation of their contract. (Bulletin of the Department of Labor, No. 36, September, 1901, pp. 988-991.)

In the case of *Allis Chalmers Co. v. Reliable Lodge, United States Circuit Court, Northern District of Illinois*, Judge Kohlsaat, in granting an injunction against strikers, said: "It is the undoubted right of workmen to quit work severally or in a body, so long as the act does not come within the rule against conspiracies to injure the property of another. They may also use peaceable means in persuading others to join them in carrying out the strike, subject to the above rule. Both of these rights, however, must be exercised in such a manner as not to otherwise interfere with the right of every man to run his own business in his own way, provided he keeps within the law in so doing, or the right of every man to work or not to work, to strike or not to strike, to join a union or not, as he may think best. In other words, a man may decide his own course, and hold himself to certain rules, but he cannot impose those rules or that course upon the conduct of any other man, against his wish, any more than he can place fetters upon his hands or shackles upon his feet. And when, as in the case at bar, the attempt is made, through intimidation and acts of violence, to effect this end, it is tyranny of the most despotic character; it is civil war; it is treason to the principles of this

and almost every other government. It will not be tolerated. (Bulletin of the Department of Labor, No. 38, January, 1902)

Against such decisions labor unions raise a great outcry. These extracts are given to show what the courts have been constrained to do, and to call attention to the fact that labor organizations have assumed an attitude of hostility to all such decrees.

4. These organizations will now be examined in the light of morals and religion. (1) That laborers do not always receive their share of the proceeds of labor should be conceded. But this is not the case to so great an extent as is claimed, nor is it the chief cause of their poverty where poverty exists. One hundred and twenty one organizations in Kansas presented reports to the State Bureau of Labor which show that the members of these unions have an average income of \$181 in excess of the cost of living. (Bulletin of the Department of Labor, No. 38, January, 1902, p. 134.) Laborers are quite as well paid as teachers and ministers of the gospel. Extravagant habits, and especially the use of intoxicating beverages keep multitudes in poverty. Wages are no higher in Kansas than in most other States. May not the fact that Kansas is a prohibition State account in part for the excess of income over the cost of living?

(2) Laborers have an undoubted right to organize, and if the right were wisely exercised good results would follow. But the facts already given show that existing organizations are often unwisely conducted.

(3) Laborers have the right to cease work when the conditions and terms are unsatisfactory. But when they cease they no longer have either a moral or a legal claim upon the positions they have vacated. The philosophy of strikes as usually conducted is therefore in conflict with the moral law. "The unionist holds," says one writer, "that the workman has an *equity* in his job; that if he relinquishes his position to obtain a betterment of the conditions surrounding it, he by no means surrenders that equity; and that a third party has no more moral right to appropriate the job than to take any other property which may be left temporarily unguarded." (Frank R. Foster in "The International Monthly," November, 1901, pp. 638, 639.)

The same writer presents the argument of the striker in substance as follows: "The majority judgment of wage-earners decides that work must not be done under certain conditions. The men who take the place of strikers ignore that judgment and set up their minority judgment. Such men forfeit their claim to the moral respect of the strikers, and break the eighth commandment of the striker's decalogue which reads, "Thou shalt not steal thy neighbor's job." This claim of trade unions to determine the morality of the acts in question is an immoral claim and cannot be conceded. It is true that the constitutions of these unions do not countenance riots, violence, intimidation, etc., but they are faulty in that they do not provide for the discipline of their members when guilty of such acts. But the courts hold that the law is violated when the strikers stop short of violence. The Supreme

Court of Pennsylvania in rendering its decision in a case involving hostile demonstrations by strikers who claimed the right to use arguments, persuasions and appeals with the men who had taken their places, said: "The strikers and their counsel seem to think that the former could do anything to attain their ends short of actual physical violence. This is a most serious misapprehension. The 'arguments,' 'persuasions,' and 'appeals' of a hostile and demonstrative mob have a potency over men of ordinary nerve which far exceeds the limits of lawfulness." (Bulletin of the Department of Labor, No. 14, January, 1898, p. 93.)

Judge Hammond of the United States Circuit Court for the Western District of Tennessee, in granting an injunction against strikers, said: "The strikers cannot have, under the law of equal rights, a liberty of contracting as they please, working when they please, and quitting when they please, which does not belong to the non-union men and employers." (Bulletin of the Department of Labor, No. 39, March, 1902, p. 496.)

There are scores of such decisions plainly showing that members of labor unions habitually disregard the rights of others, and push their own claims beyond the limits of the moral law. An editorial article in the *Locomotive Engineers' Monthly Journal* for July, 1901, page 445, declares that, "so long as self interest is the larger actuating power in business affairs — and we do not believe that any one can successfully controvert the fact that it is — something besides the Golden Rule is absolutely necessary to bring a mean between the natural contending forces in a competitive system." Organizations which suspend the Golden Rule are a menace to good morals.

(4) Most labor unions are patterned after secret fraternities. Most, but not all, have passwords. With many the password is said to be the only secret. But one principal use of the password is to guard the secrecy of meetings. While the right to hold private meetings is conceded, the organizing and conducting of labor associations after the model of secret fraternities are open to grave objections.

(5) There is an unwarranted assumption of authority by these associations. The constitution of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers contains this clause: "When the Executive Committee . . . legalize a strike in any one department of a mill or works, it shall be required that the men of all other departments shall cease work until the difficulty is settled." (Article X., Sec. 2) The same constitution makes it the duty of the "Mill Committee" to persuade new workmen to join the union, but "when it is found that a manager, superintendent or foreman is using his influence in persuading men in the mills or factories not to join their associations, they shall severally be notified by the Mill or Factory Committee that such action must be stopped." (Art. XXXIV., Sect. 6.)

Among the multitudinous reasons given for strikes are such as the following: the introduction of machinery; allowing boys and girls to learn trades; allowing employes to work at other than

regular trade; the employment of certain nationalities; to compel non-union men to join the unions; to compel the adoption of union rules (Sixteenth Annual Report of Commissioner of Labor, pp. 519-541). These and many others that might be given show an unwarranted interference with the rights of employers and other laborers.

These organizations often aim to establish uniform wages for their members without due regard for efficiency, whereby inferior workmanship is made dear and one important incentive to skillfulness is taken away. They place a limit on the amount of work to be done and thereby hinder the expansion of industry. They restrict the number of persons who may follow an occupation and thereby trample upon the rights of their fellowmen. By these and similar methods they often become in reality organizations for the restraint of labor and the menace of capital. (Constitution of Amalgamated Association of Iron, Tin and Steel Workers, Art. XXII., Sec. 14, Art. XX. By-Laws of L. A. No. 300 K. of L. Window Glass Workers of America, Art. I., Sec. 22; Art. IV. Many others contain like clauses

(6) Trade and labor unions threw the weight of their influence in favor of the Chinese exclusion act. In his report to the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor in 1901, Mr. Gompers said, "Chinese exclusion is an issue on which all organized labor is a unit." (Report of proceedings, p. 22). It was urged by some unions that the Japanese also be excluded and that the period of exclusion be unlimited. Organizations which so uniformly favored the exclusion act are based upon erroneous principles.

(7) Many unions hold their meetings on the Sabbath. In some cases this is so determined in the constitution or by-laws. This is the case with the Government Printing Office Mutual Relief Association. "The association shall meet regularly on the first Sunday after the second Monday in each month." (See Constitution and By laws in Bulletin of the Department of Labor, No. 19, Nov., 1898.) The constitution of the United Labor League of Western Pennsylvania, Art. II. declares: "Regular meetings shall be held on the second and fourth Sunday evenings." Meetings on the Sabbath by many unions are painfully frequent.

(8) Strikes are often ordered for immoral reasons. In a number of cases they have been ordered for increased pay for work done on the Sabbath, for the privilege of using beer while at work, and in thousands of cases against the employment of non-union men. A further study of the causes of strikes shows that in 1884 establishments a demand for a Saturday half-holiday was included, and in nearly every case these strikes succeeded. But in only 85 establishments was there a demand made for the cessation of work on the Sabbath, and these strikes failed in all cases except two or three. If laboring men would strike as often and as hard for Sabbath rest as they do for things of less value, they would secure a greater measure of sympathy from the church, and their efforts would doubtless be rewarded with success.

There are other objectionable features which need not be mentioned. These are sufficient to make clear the attitude we should assume. The wrongs committed by capitalists are not to be overlooked. These wrongs add weight to all the other reasons which justify organized effort on the part of laborers to secure their rights. In so far as the demands of labor unions are just and their methods moral they have our most cordial sympathy. But because of the objectionable features of existing organizations we feel constrained to withhold from them our approbation. Let these unions eliminate their objectionable principles and abandon their obnoxious methods, and they will be vastly more successful in attaining all legitimate ends, and will have no occasion to complain of lack of sympathy by the church.

5. Trade and labor unions together with the organizations of capitalists should be studied in the light of the Christian principles of civil government. The preceding discussion has prepared the way for this. It is evident that the problem under consideration involves vast and weighty interests. It has both financial, social, moral and political aspects. It will tax the wisdom of the ablest Christian statesmen to solve it. A conflict is raging between two forces which ought to be allies. Great combinations of capital are charged with robbing laborers of certain rights. Long hours and low wages are not the chief of the wrongs inflicted. A greater wrong than either is robbing the toilers of their weekly rest day. It is stated on good authority that not less than four millions of laborers in the United States toil seven days in the week. Combinations of capital make this exaction in defiance of the laws of both God and the State. The National Government sets the example by employing thousands to collect, transport and distribute the mails on the Lord's day.

On the other hand, labor unions are often convicted of invading the rights of one another and of their employers. They esteem altogether too lightly their right to the Sabbath. Combinations both of capitalists and of laborers, in addition to their invasion of the domain of human rights, frequently usurp prerogatives that belong to civil government. It is a matter of serious moment when a great association sets law at defiance. It is a matter of vastly greater moment when such an association usurps any of the prerogatives of civil government and becomes an *imperium in imperio*, or when it exerts a dominating influence over the State. Judge Wing, of the United States Circuit Court, for the Northern District of Ohio, in issuing an injunction against a striking Iron Moulders' Union in Cleveland, brought out a point not often considered in such decrees. He said: "Counsel for the defendants have gone into a somewhat lengthy history of the writ of injunction, with a view of impressing upon the court the great care that should be exercised by the courts in the use of the writ as a remedy. It is peculiarly appropriate, in the analysis of these strike cases, to consider the great power which the jurisdiction to issue this writ confers, and the strict boundaries which should con-

fine its use, because the beginning of all this trouble was the attempt of the Iron Moulders' Union, No. 218, without the assistance of a court, to enjoin the complainant from operating its plant." He further argues that if courts should be careful in the use of injunctions, "self-constituted bodies of men, deriving no authority from recognized law, should not be permitted to originate edicts for the government of others, and attempt to enforce them by any means whatsoever." (Bulletin of the Department of Labor, No. 40, May, 1902, p. 640).

The principle here involved is of wide application. No self-constituted body of men should attempt to exercise the functions of civil government or to bring the government under its control. Attempts at the unlawful exercise of power in both these ways by combinations both of capital and of labor are altogether too frequent.

Wherein lies the remedy? First of all there should be instilled into the minds of all classes certain fundamental political truths. Among these are the truths that sovereign political authority belongs to the State; that it has been placed there by Almighty God; that it cannot be rightly claimed or exercised by any voluntary society; that to do so is usurpation of the worst sort. Another of these fundamental truths is that civil government in adjusting these difficulties between capital and labor is dealing with the question of rights, and is bound to make its decisions in accordance with the moral law. How else can the laboring man's right to the Sabbath be safeguarded? It follows that government itself, to deal successfully with these issues, must possess a Christian character, must declare its divine origin and God-given authority, must proclaim its purpose to exercise that authority subject to Christ the King and in harmony with His revealed will. If civil government is only a man-made, voluntary institution, why may not laborers, capitalists, or any class of people, form another voluntary society, with the same prerogatives and the same right to employ force in support of its decrees? If the existing civil government allows itself to be controlled by one class as against another, and if the moral law is not the standard according to which conflicting claims are decided, why may not any voluntary association take the law into its own hands, make its own decrees and maintain them by physical force? Of course political chaos would result. The only remedy therefore for political chaos is Christian civil government. So long as the authority of government is looked upon as being conferred by the people and not by God, it will fail to command that honor and obedience to which a rightly constituted government is justly entitled. Obedience will be rendered, not for conscience sake, but because there is lack of power to resist. So long as no law higher than the will of the people is recognized as supreme, defeated parties in contests will feel that undue influences have been exerted to bring about their defeat, and will resort to similar measures to gain their ends. But let constitutions, both State and National, declare the divine origin of the au-

thority with which government is clothed; let them proclaim that it is exercised in subordination to the divine government and in conformity to the divine will; let men who will rule in the fear of God be chosen to office; and at least a beginning will be made in the solution of the various difficult problems that now agitate and torment our land.

R. C. WYLIE,
J. M. WYLIE,
J. S. MARTIN,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Records of Presbyteries reported. Records of Ohio and Vermont not present. In the records of Illinois, Iowa, Lakes, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Philadelphia and Rochester, was found nothing contrary to the law and order of the church. Errors were found in the records of Colorado, Kansas, New York and Pittsburgh, and corrections were duly entered in the several books.

The report of the Committee on Finance was taken up and certain items adopted.

Recess till seven o'clock was taken with prayer by William Hogan.

EVENING SESSION.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Matthew Wilson.

Roll-call was omitted. The minutes were read and approved.

T. A. McElwain was excused from further attendance.

The following resolutions were adopted:

In Biblical history mention is made of two, and only two postures in public prayer, namely, standing and kneeling.

The too common practice of sitting in time of prayer is very objectionable. It is without authority. It is very irreverent; and, except in a few instances, everywhere in the Word of God the kneeling posture is spoken of with approbation, therefore

Resolved, That this Synod hereby bears testimony against the too common practice of sitting in time of public prayer; and we hereby warn our people against indulging in it as it is wholly without authority and anything but indicative of reverence or devotion.

Resolved, that Synod hereby thanks the Chamber of Commerce of Syracuse and also the Street Railway Company, for the enjoyable outing on last Saturday afternoon, so generously given, and that this resolution be signed and forwarded by the officers of Synod.

Discussion of Finance Committee's report was resumed.

R. C. Montgomery and Thomas J. Crozier were excused from further attendance.

Adjourned with prayer by Isaiah Faris, to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

SAME PLACE, Wednesday, June 4.

MORNING SESSION.

Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called. Thirty-six members were absent, a few of whom soon appeared.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Stated Clerk reported. Adopted and is as follows:

Report of Stated Clerk.

There have been placed in my hands and deposited in Synod's Trunk in the Safe Deposit Company of Allegheny, certified copies of the printed minutes from 1876 to 1900, both years included.

There have also been placed in same trunk for safe keeping, the valuable manuscript, historical documents, viz: "The Full and Complete Copy of the Original Diary Kept by Rev. Jno. Cuthbertson, the First Ref. Pres. Minister in America, 1751-1791; and a Complete Record of the Congregations of the R. P. Church in this country with their historical references, the Elders in Office with their historical references, and the ministers with their pastoral charges," prepared by Rev. W. M. Glasgow, and presented to the Seminary by Elder J. S. Tibby. In order to make room for these documents, it was necessary to remove some of the MS minutes. Some provision must be made for any additional material that is to be entrusted to your clerk for safe keeping, as Synod's trunk is not large enough to hold all that is on hand. Sufficient room could be had to answer the purpose for a few years longer, if permission was granted to destroy the MS minutes, and such of the unimportant synodical documents as have accumulated since 1876, when there went into effect, the resolution to make the corrected and certified printed minutes the official copy.

It has been my rule to allow ministers of the church and others seeking information access to Synod's records. In no case have they been taken away. This is the interpretation I put on Synod's direction with reference to my duties.

J. W. SPROULL,
Stated Clerk.

The Stated Clerk, together with the Theological Professors were made a committee to assort and rearrange Synodical MS. records.

The time of next meeting was fixed, the last Wednesday of May, 1903, at two o'clock in the afternoon. The Mission Conference will meet the same day at nine in the morning.

The Committee on Supplies reported. Adopted and is as follows:

Supplies.

Your Committee reports that the time of twenty-three ministers and licentiates has been reported to us as at the disposal of Synod. The requests of the Presbyteries for laborers are for a little less than nine.

Your Committee has been constrained to assign to the Presbyteries more laborers than they called for, in the hope that employment may yet be found for them, and to give to ministers and licentiates appointments for shorter time than they would gladly receive. The following distribution has been arranged :

Allen, R. C. : Ohio, January and April ; Illinois, February and March ; Pittsburgh, remainder of the year.

Allen, T. J. : Rochester, June ; Philadelphia, July and August ; Ohio, December ; Illinois, January ; Iowa, February and March ; Pittsburgh, remainder of the year.

Coleman, E. M. : Kansas, for the year.

Easson : Pittsburgh, December to May.

Elsay, E. M. : Ohio, June ; Illinois, July ; Kansas, August : Ohio, May.

Edgar : Colorado, July, August and May.

Faris, Isaiah : Rochester, July ; Ohio, September ; Kansas, November ; Illinois, February, April and May.

Greer : Iowa, June ; Kansas, July ; Illinois, August and May.

McCartney : Rochester, August ; Illinois, September ; Iowa, October ; Pittsburgh, remainder of the year.

McFarland, William ; Illinois, July and August 1st and 2nd Sabbaths ; Kansas, September and October ; Ohio, November ; Pittsburgh, December ; Rochester, remainder of the year.

McBurney, Wilmer John : Iowa, July and August ; Ohio, October ; Pittsburgh, November ; New York, December and January ; Illinois, March ; Kansas, May.

McKnight, E. L. : Pittsburgh, July ; Ohio, August and September ; Illinois, October ; New York, November ; Rochester, December and January ; Kansas, April.

McKnight, R. J. G. : Pittsburgh, June to October ; Philadelphia, November to May.

McMillan : New York, July and August ; Rochester, September ; Ohio, October ; Illinois, November ; Kansas, December ; Colorado, January, February and March.

Mathews : Colorado, June ; Kansas, July ; Illinois, August 3rd and 4th Sabbaths ; New York, May.

Mitchell : Pittsburgh, June to November ; Iowa, December ; Kansas, January.

Patton, James : Philadelphia, October ; Rochester, November ; Ohio, January ; Illinois, February ; Kansas, March ; Colorado, May.

Raitt : Ohio, November ; Pittsburgh, December and January ; Kansas, February and March ; Rochester, April and May.

Robb, W. G. : New York, July and August ; Illinois, September and October ; Iowa, November ; Kansas, January ; Ohio, March and April.

Rusk: New York, for the full year.

Sherman: Philadelphia, July to October ; Ohio, November and December ; Iowa, January ; Illinois, March and April ; Kansas, May.

Wylie, J. Ralston : Kansas, June, July and August ; Rochester, September and October ; Illinois, November and December ; Ohio, February and March.

Wallace : Ohio, July ; Pittsburgh, August ; New York, September and October ; Illinois, December and January ; Kansas, April and May.

We recommend :

1. That vacant congregations and mission stations are urged to zeal and liberality in receiving and supporting these laborers in order that their time be employed as fully as possible.

2. That ministers and licentiates, in visiting these vacancies, are urged to visit the sick, to help in the Sabbath Schools and Young People's Meetings, and to speak at reform meetings, as opportunity is presented.

3. That this large section of our force, and of the field, be remembered continually in the prayers of the whole church.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. STEVENSON,
D. B. WILLSON,
E. A. CROOKS,
W. S. WILSON,
JOHN BIRNIE.

Several members received leave of absence.

Discussion of Finance Committee's report was resumed.

The following substitute for the item referring to the Women's Association was offered :

Whereas, it has been the expressed purpose and promise of Synod to make over to the Women's Association the title to the Aged People's Home, on condition that the charter of said Association should be such as to secure and safeguard the property and the Association itself to the Reformed Presbyterian Church ;

And whereas Synod's legal counsellors have declared in their written opinion, duly signed and given to Synod's Board of Trustees, that the charter already obtained by said Women's Association does thoroughly secure to the said Reformed Presbyterian Church that organization and all the property that may be acquired under the provisions of its charter ;

And whereas with this distinct understanding as to the intended conveyance of the property the Women's Association have faithfully and successfully prosecuted their work for a number of years, obtaining considerable sums of money under their existing charter ;

And whereas an unforeseen difficulty has been met in the legal interpretation of the terms of the Jno. A. McKee bequest in the way of conveying a title to the property to the Women's Association;

And whereas it remains the earnest desire of Synod to secure to the Women's Association the fullest control possible of the Home in harmony with the authority, rights and prerogatives of the Reformed Presbyterian Church;

And whereas judicial proprieties forbid the deliverances by judges of opinions except in actual concrete cases, and no satisfactory and authoritative decision as to the questions at issue can be reached in any other way;

Therefore resolved, That Synod's Board of Trustees and the Women's Association arrange to bring this entire matter in an amicable test case before the proper court for the purpose of judicially settling the questions, whether or not the existing charter needs any amendment, and whether or not the conditions of the Jno. A. McKee bequest can be in some way duly fulfilled and at the same time an unclouded title to the property be conveyed to the Women's Association, the cost of such judicial procedure to be shared equally by Synod's Board and the Women's Association; and that Synod's Board of Trustees, in case the judicial decision gives assurance of what Synod has always sought, a satisfactory charter and title, be instructed to make over the title according to Synod's promise to the Women's Association.

Upon a motion to entertain, the ayes and noes were called, with the following result:

Ayes. T. J. Allen, W. C. Allen, Benn, Black, Blackwood, E. M. Coleman, Conner, Crooks, Crowe, Cullings, Dill, Francey, Gilmore, Hogan, Joseph, Kingston, Love, McAfee, McAllister, McAteer, A. J. McFarland, Jr., McLaury, McNaugher, Meyer, Mitchell, O'Neill, Pickens, T. P. Robb, Russell, Samson, Sharp, S. G. Shaw, Smith, J. W. Sproull, T. C. Sproull, T. P. Stevenson, Sommerville, Trumbull, Wallace, F. M. Wilson, J. M. Wylie, R. C. Wylie,—42.

Noes. R. C. Allen, D. S. Anderson, W. T. Anderson, Boyd, W. J. Coleman, Dickey, Dougherty, David Edgar, Elliott, Ewing, C. C. Faris, D. C. Faris, D. S. Faris, Isaiah Faris, J. M. Faris, F. M. Foster, H. G. Foster, R. J. Gault, R. J. George, W. M. George, Graham, Henning, Huheey, J. M. Johnston, S. J. Johnston, W. P. Johnston, D. Kilpatrick, Logan, McCracken, McCune, McElheny, McFall, A. J. McFarland, Sr., McFeeters, McGaw, McKnight, D. C. Martin, Metheny, R. A. Paden, W. C. Paden, Thomas Patton, J. H. Pritchard, J. W. Pritchard, G. M. Robb, J. C. Robb, J. K. Robb, Sanderson, Scott, A. McCloud Shaw, J. C. Slater, T. M. Slater, Sloane, Steele, J. R. W. Stevenson, Stewart, J. S. Thompson, W. T. K. Thompson, Adam Walkinshaw, A. G. Walkinshaw, J. H. Walkinshaw, White, D. B. Willson, Matthew Wilson, Oliver Wylie, Calvin L. Young, W. F. Young,—66.

Not Voting. Carithers, Copeland, Dean, A Kilpatrick, J. G. Reed, W. S. Wilson,—6.

The item was adopted.

Devotional exercises were put over to the opening of the afternoon session.

The report as amended was adopted and is as follows:

Finance.

Committee on Finance would respectfully report that the following papers and items have been referred to them :

1. Reports of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer of the following funds: Foreign Mission Fund with Synopsis, Fund for Mission in China with Synopsis, Building Fund Mission in China, Mersine Hospital Fund, Syrian Hospital Fund, Temporary Investment Fund, Church Erection Fund; Literary Fund (final report).

2. Report of John T. Morton, Treasurer of Synod's Board of Trustees.

3. Report of the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church; including Attorney's Opinion on Change of Charter of Woman's Association.

4. Report on Clyde Fund.

5. Report of J. S. Tibby, Treasurer of Literary Fund.

6. Statement of D. S. Faris respecting legacy.

7. Report of Mission Conference.

8. Report of Mrs. Anna M. Sproull, Treasurer of Woman's Association and Aged People's Home.

9. Report of Woman's Association and the matter of amending Charter.

10. Report of Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform.

11. Petition of Martha Cannon.

12. Bill for printing Synod's Order of Business.

13. Communication from Pozsony Reformed Congregation, Hungary.

14. Items from Reports of Boards: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Sustentation, Church Erection, Board of Control.

15. Items from Reports on National Reform, Theological Seminary, Geneva College.

16. Financial item in report of Western Section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches.

I. The Reports of Walter T. Miller, John T. Morton and Anna M. Sproull have been carefully prepared and came to the Synod audited.

The reports of R. C. Wylie and J. S. Tibby were carefully prepared and were audited by your Committee. We recommend that all these Reports be published, substituting the "Synopsis" where Treasurers have prepared them.

II. We recommend that the carefully prepared Report of Synod's Board of Trustees be published in Appendix to Minutes.

As to items in this Report :

1. We recommend that the Clerk of Synod cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for D. Chesnut, A. B. Copeland and A. C. Coulter, to serve as members of Synod's Board of Trustees for three years, ending June 15th, 1905.

2. In the matter of Amending the Charter of Woman's Association of the Reformed Presbyterian Church—the action of Synod's Board, the Report of the Woman's Association on the same matter, and the opinion of Attorneys on the question and on the title to the Aged People's Home property, were carefully considered. Also Brethren representing Synod's Board of Trustees and the Woman's Association appeared before your Committee.

The purpose of Synod contemplated in action last year, viz., Securing a court-decision on Charter, could not be carried out. The opinion of a learned Attorney, and in this opinion the regular Attorney for Synod's Board and the Attorney for the Woman's Association practically concur, was to the effect that the title to the property should continue with Synod's Board of Trustees. Your Committee unanimously recommend the following action :

Resolved, That the title to the Aged People's Home Property, now occupied by the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association, shall continue to be held by the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Old School.

3. In the matter of amending the Charter of said Woman's Association—Inasmuch as both Attorneys, J. C. McCombs and Frank C. Osburn, have suggested that said Charter might be amended, we recommend that said Woman's Association be requested to have their Charter amended, and in the phraseology suggested by said Attorneys, as follows:

"That upon any member or director of this Association ceasing to be a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church (Old School) in good standing, that fact shall cancel his or her membership or directorship in the Association."

4. Your Committee, furthermore, recommend that, when said Charter has been, in the matter specified, amended, Synod's Board of Trustees shall lease, and they are hereby directed to lease, *free of charge* the Home Property from year to year to the Woman's Association of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, with full power to manage and control the same upon the following conditions and reservations :

1st. That the Woman's Association shall continue to pay all taxes, water rents, insurance premiums on insurance policies to cover value of buildings thereon, all mortgage interest on the property, keeping the same in good order and repair, and that they shall at the earliest date possible pay off and have satisfied in full of record the remaining mortgage debt, when the liability for interest thereon shall cease.

2nd. That said Association shall make annually to Synod a detailed statement or report of all receipts and expenses for the previous current year.

3rd. That all religious services held in the Home during the term of the lease shall conform to the usage and doctrines of the Reformed Presbyterian Church (Old School) in North America.

4th. To the foregoing, using the words in the Attorney's Opinion, may be added, "any other additional privileges which may be fair and reasonable in view of the interests of all parties."

5. Your Committee recommend that Synod's Board of Trustees shall hold, invest and re-invest for the Home all Endowment Funds, and annually pay over to the Treasurer of the Institution the net income arising from such investments, as is now and has for years been done by the Board for Geneva College, Theological Seminary, etc., of the church.

6. When at any time in the future, until otherwise ordered, the Directors and Managers by a majority vote of each shall determine that it will be for the advantage of the Aged People's Home of the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America to remove from the premises now occupied and purchase another property, then that the Board of Trustees, upon a sale at a fair price, are hereby directed to make a deed of such property to a buyer and in like manner to use the proceeds and hold the deed for such new property as may be selected by the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association.

III. In the matter of the William Reed Bequest of \$100 to Southern Mission and \$100 to Indian Mission, your Committee recommend that the money in each case be put into current account of said missions, and that the \$100 for the Southern Mission be used at the discretion of the son, Rev. J. G. Reed, now Principal of Knox Academy.

IV. In the matter of the Anna C. Smith Bequest, netting \$656.67 to the Foreign Missions of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, your Committee recommend that the money be placed in the current account.

V. In the matter of the David J. Kirkpatrick Bequest of \$1,000, divided between Syrian Mission, Disabled Ministers' Fund, and Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers, your Committee recommend that said money be placed in current accounts of funds named.

VI. In the matter of the John Crowe Bequest, netting \$4,140.33, to be devoted one half to what is called the work of the Southern Mission, and the other half for the mission work generally of said body, your Committee recommend that the one-half devoted to the work of the Southern Mission be held by the Central Board as a Temporary Investment Fund to be used at the discretion of the Board; and the other half to be divided equally between current account of Fund for Mission in China for buildings and current account of Domestic Missions.

VII. As to publication of 2,000 copies of Arabic Psalter, at a cost of \$250, your Committee recommend that said number of copies be published, the cost to be met from current account of Foreign Mission Fund.

VIII. As to Bill for printing Synod's Order of Business, your Committee recommend that the Clerk draw an order on Literary Fund for same.

And, whereas the Literary Fund is in debt \$702.11 to the former Treasurer of Literary Fund, Walter T. Miller, your Committee recommend that special attention be given to this collection June, 3rd Sabbath, to reimburse Mr. Miller, and until such time as this over-draft is made good, interest shall be paid from time of the transfer of the account.

IX. Your Committee recommend the following appropriations and schedule :

Literary Fund, June, third Sabbath.....	\$1,500.00
Aged Ministers' Fund, July, first Sabbath.....	1,500.00
Library Fund, July, third Sabbath.....	500 00
Widows and Orphans Deceased Ministers' Fund, Aug., first Sabbath.....	2,000.00
Aged People's Home, August, third Sabbath.....	1,000.00
Indian Mission, September, first Sabbath.....	5,000.00
Jewish Mission, September, third ".....	2,000.00
Domestic Mission, October, first ".....	8,000 00
Southern Mission, November, first ".....	5,000.00
Theological Seminary, November, third Sabbath.....	1,500.00
Syrian Mission, December, first Sabbath.....	15,000.00
National Reform, January, first ".....	5,000 00
Geneva College, January, third ".....	2,500.00
Mission in China, February, first ".....	6,000.00
Testimony Bearing, February, third ".....	4,000.00
Sustentation, March, second Sabbath.....	7,000.00
Church Erection, April, first ".....	5,000.00
Geneva College, Repairs, April, third Sabbath.....	1,000 00
Students' Aid Fund.....	

X. In the matter of petition of Martha Cannon and her claim to Greensburgh Church property, your Committee recommend that, as all the parties are not at Synod, and the full consideration of Petition cannot be had, the Petition be referred to Synod's Board of Trustees with full power to act; and with the suggestion that said Board deal generously with interests of petitioner.

XI. In the matter of the estate of C. H. Stormont, bequeathed by will to the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church for the missions of this church, and making available in the near

future about \$5,000, your Committee recommend that Synod's Board of Trustees shall make the following distribution of said money:

Mission to China, to be used for buildings.....	\$2,000.00
Syrian Mission, current account.....	1,000.00
Southern Mission, current account.....	500.00
Indian Mission, current account.....	500.00

Domestic Missions, current account \$1,000.00, less or more as the final settlement of said estate shall determine.

XII. That the recommendations of the Mission Conference be approved, except the item relating to Chicago congregation, which your Committee recommend should read:

"For Chicago as a special Mission, \$800.00."

XIII. In the matter of Letter from Pozsony Reformed Church, Hungary, your Committee is without sufficient information, and, therefore, while deeply sympathizing with this struggling congregation, your Committee recommend no action.

XIV. Your Committee recommend that the collection for Library Fund be divided equally between the seminary and the college.

XV. In the matter of the Clyde Fund, which will probably reach \$4,000.00, your Committee recommend that this money, with such additional sums as may yet be contributed, be placed in the hands of Synod's Board of Trustees, to purchase with the widow of Rev. Charles Clyde, and for her and her children, a property suitable for a dwelling and a home, consulting with Mrs. Clyde as to the place and the dwelling; and said Board shall secure to Mr. Clyde's family the property under provisions similar to those made in the case of the family of the late Rev. Dr. R. J. Dodds.

So much of this fund as may be needed to purchase a comfortable and economical home may be used by the Board for this purpose, and the residue be held by said Board for the benefit of the family.

XVI. As to "Additional Queries," for those applying to Board of Control for share of Students' Aid Fund, your Committee recommend that they be approved.

XVII. That the Clerk publish 800 copies of the Minutes, 1902, on the same plan as heretofore.

F. M. FOSTER,
J. McCracken,
J. M. WYLIE,
OLIVER WYLIE,
D. S. ANDERSON,
Committee.

Report of Synod's Treasurer.

To the Moderator and Members of Synod, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, to meet in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Syracuse, N. Y., on May 28, 1902.

DEAR BRETHREN:— Herewith find my tenth annual report as Treasurer of the "Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America," for the year commencing May 1, 1901, and ending April 30, 1902, which has been audited by a committee of said Board of Trustees, whose certificate is hereto attached.

During the year the funds have earned \$18,064.99 which would be equal to 5.83% on the amount of Endowment Funds, but there is unpaid of this amount \$3,348.25. The Board has declared a dividend on Endowments, \$309,826.79 (as shown on balance sheet) of 4.75% from the cash revenue received and credited to Interest Account during the year, amounting to \$14,716.74.

The Endowment Fund from David Gregg has netted to the Church \$6,963.31 during the past year, which has been distributed as instructed by donor. Of the Mortgages in which this fund was invested there was paid during year \$103,000.00. This has all been re-invested during the year except \$10,065.73. Since the closing our books (April 30, 1902), we have accepted Mortgages that will absorb this amount entirely.

The following bequests have been received:

David J. Kirkpatrick, near Connersville, Ind., per Joseph Gamble, Exr, 1901, June 26, For Syrian Mission	\$ 300 00
For Disabled Ministers.....	500 00
For Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers.....	200 00
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	\$1,000 00

Our Attorney says the above not being specified Endowment Funds, Synod may use it for either Current or Endowment. From memorandum we have, of will, it says, the residue of his estate to go to Rev. T. P. Robb, D.D., to be distributed by him to the different branches of the Covenanter Church that seem to be most in need of it. We have not as yet realized on the residue of the estate.

Nancy Kee, formerly of New York, N. Y. (was a member of Second New York Congregation) per David C. Kee, Executor, by letter of Rev. R. M. Sommerville, D.D.

1901, Dec. 13, For Foreign Mission Endowment..... \$ 500.00

In the receipt given, prepared by the Executor, it recites, that "The above sum is received by the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, to be held as a permanent fund, and the income thereof, to be devoted to Foreign Missions."

William Reed, late of Bellefontaine, O., per Robert G. Reed, and David C. Patterson, Admr's.

1902, Jan. 7, For Indian Mission.....	\$100 00
For Southern Mission.....	100 00
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	\$200 00

Letter of Administrators says, "The heirs of the lamented father request that the bequest to the Southern Mission be used at the discretion of the son and brother, Rev. J. G. Reed, now principal of Knox Academy.

Miss Anna C. Smith, late of Allegheny, Pa., per John C. Smith and Dr. John R. Steele, Exr's.

1902, Jan. 21, For Foreign Mission.....	\$666 67
We paid to Attorney for services per order of Board	10 00
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	\$656 67

Will says, "I bequeath \$1,000.00 to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Ref. Pres. Church. This amount (\$1,000) was an error as the bequest only netted, \$666.67.

Joseph Wilson, late of Philadelphia, Pa, per Rev. J. C. McFeeters, D.D., Exr., through Wm. Alexander Brown, Attorney.

1902, Feb. 3, For Foreign Mission	\$18 07
For Mission to Indians.....	18 07
For Freedman's Mission.....	18 07
For Theological Seminary.....	18 07
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	\$72 28

Being four-fifths (4-5) of the residuary estate of the said Joseph Wilson, deceased.

John Crowe, Renfrew, Pa., per Rev. S. J. Crowe, and Jas. M. Douthett, Exr's.

1901, July 1, Cash.....	\$4,231 83
Less fees of Attorney at Butler..	75 00
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	\$4,156 83
Less charges 1899, May 16, paid for certified copy of will.....	1 00
Less charges 1901, Mar. 21, paid for affidavit...	50
Less charges 1901, Aug. 17, paid our Attorney in Pittsburgh for advice, services, etc.....	15 00
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	\$16 50
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	\$4,140 33

Item from copy of Will:

3rd. "The residue of my estate I give and bequeath to the Board of Missions in the Reformed Presbyterian Church in U. S., to be devoted one-half to what is called the work of the Southern Mission and the other half for the Mission work generally of said body."

The balance, \$20.00, of the first one-fifth (1-5) of the Mrs. Rebecca Jane Burneson Bequest was paid July 10, 1901, and distributed Aug. 20, 1901, according to report made to you last year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. MORTON, *Treas.*

PITTSBURGH, PA., May 1, 1902.

PITTSBURGH, PA., May 26, 1902.

To the Moderator and Members of Reformed Presbyterian Synod, etc.:

DEAR BRETHREN:—To-day I received the following communication which will explain itself. You can act on it as suggested by the Executrix.

WILKINSBURG, May 24, 1902.

MR. JOHN T. MORTON, PITTSBURGH, PA.

DEAR SIR:—My Mother, Mrs. Louise M. Boyd, who died December, 1909, in her will bequeathed to the Central Board of Domestic Missions of the R. P. Church the sum of \$1,500.00, viz: \$500.00 to each of the three missions (Indian, Southern and Home), for current use.

I am the executrix of the estate, and the account came up for audit on Friday, 23 (May), and court will probably not be ready to have the money receipted for before a week or so, but I write you that the money is ready at any time and you can report to Synod at its meeting next week about the bequest, and on your return from Synod can receipt for and receive the money.

Respectfully,

MISS JANE BOYD,

1208 Center Street, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

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GENERAL ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT.

1901.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$312,826 79	
1902.			
Apr. 30.	Received during year:		
	Foreign Mission.....	\$ 50 00	
	Bible Society.....	50 00	
	Geneva College.....	250 00	
	Students' Fund.....	69 17	
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1902.			
May 1.	Balance.....		\$313,245 96
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		\$313,245 96	\$313,245 96

GENEVA COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.

1901.			
May 1.	Balance		\$127,005 78
1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, Balance of note of L. C. Johnston, per Rev. W. P. Johnston, D.D. (made in several payments).....		250 00
1902.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$127,255 78	
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		\$127,255 78	\$127,255 78

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ENDOWMENT.

1902.			
May 1.	Balance.....		\$ 60,737 14

STUDENTS' FUND ENDOWMENT.

1901.			
May 1.	Balance.....		\$ 15,808 76
1902.			
Mar. 13.	Cash, R. M. Blackwood, balance of first student's note	\$29 17	
Mar. 13.	Cash, R. M. Blackwood, on acct. second student's note	40 00	
		<hr/>	69 17
1902.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 15,877 93	
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		\$15,877 93	\$15,877 93

FOREIGN MISSION ENDOWMENT.

1901.			
May 1.	Balance		\$42,986 17
Aug. 20.	Mrs. Jane Kilpatrick Endowment Bequest.....		50 00
1902.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$43,036 17	
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		\$43,036 17	\$43,036 17

DOMESTIC MISSION ENDOWMENT.

1902.			
May 1.	Balance.....		\$31,101 04

SOUTHERN MISSION ENDOWMENT.

1902.			
May 1.	Balance		\$ 4,556 28

CHINESE MISSION ENDOWMENT.

1902.
May 1. Balance \$ 100 00

INDIAN MISSION ENDOWMENT.

1902.
May 1. Balance..... \$ 1,500 00

AGED MINISTERS' ENDOWMENT.

1902.
May 1. Balance \$12,740 56

FUND FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF DECEASED MINISTERS ENDOWMENT.

1902.
May 1. Balance..... \$ 5,691 06

CHURCH EXTENSION ENDOWMENT.

1902.
May 1. Balance \$ 3,400 00

JAMES R. MCKEE, MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT.

(For widows and Children of Deceased Ministers.)

1902.
May 1. Balance..... \$ 2,000 00

JAMES R. MCKEE MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT.

(For Foreign Mission.)

1902.
May 1. Balance..... \$ 1,000 00

IOWA PRESBYTERY ENDOWMENT.

1902.
May 1. Balance \$ 700 00

WILKINSBURG CONGREGATION ENDOWMENT.

1902.
May 1. Balance..... \$ 500 00

MRS. AGNES MCINROY ENDOWMENT.

1902.
May 1. Balance \$ 3,000 00

BIBLE SOCIETY ENDOWMENT.

1901.
Aug. 20. Mrs. Jane Kilpatrick Endowment Be-
quest \$ 50 00

1902.
May 1. Balance \$ 50 00

DAVID GREGG BEQUEST ENDOWMENT.

1902.
May 1. Balance..... \$157,015 73

DAVID GREGG ENDOWMENT BEQUEST MORTGAGE ACCOUNT.

1901.
May 1. Balance \$139,550 00

1902.
Apr. 25. Foreign Mission, 5 shares... \$2,321 11
Domestic Mission, 3 shares. 1,392 66
Sustentation Fund, 1 share. 464 22
Church Erection, 1 share... 464 22
Theological Seminary, 1 sh... 464 22
Southern Mission, 1 share.. 464 22
Chinese Mission, 1 share ... 464 22
Ministerial Widows and Or-
phan's Fund, 1 share..... 464 22
Central R.P.C. All'y, 1 share 464 22

6,963 31

Apr. 30.	Cash, loans on Bonds and Mortgages during year.....	110,400 00	
1902.			
Apr. 25.	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Interest Account.....		\$ 6,963 31
Apr. 30.	Cash, received for Loans (Bonds and Mortgages)		103,000 00
May 1.	Balance.....		146,950 00
		<u>\$256,913 31</u>	<u>\$256,913 31</u>

DAVID GREGG ENDOWMENT BEQUEST INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1901.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$	20 00
1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, Interest received during year.....		7,380 00
1902.			
Apr. 25.	Interest Account charge per order of Board	\$	366 49
Apr. 25.	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Mortgage Account.....		6,963 31
Apr. 30.	Cash, paid accrued interest on mortgage bought		70 20
		<u>\$ 7,400 00</u>	<u>\$ 7,400 00</u>

MORTGAGE ACCOUNT.

1901.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$	9,609 74
1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, paid for loans during year....		38,000 00
1902.			
Apr. 30.	General Endowment Account.....	\$	419 17
Apr. 30.	Cash, received on loans during year.....		24,972 27
May 1.	Balance.....		22,218 30
		<u>\$47,609 74</u>	<u>\$47,609 74</u>

ROBERT AIKEN PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

1901.			
May 1.	Balance	\$	715 67
1902.			
Apr. 30.	Interest		42 94
May 1.	Balance		\$ 758 61
		<u>\$ 758 61</u>	<u>\$ 758 61</u>

REAL ESTATE ACCOUNT (4 SUSQUEHANNA ST., PITTSBURGH, PA.)

1901.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$	2,409 86
1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, paid county taxes for 1901 \$3 58 water rent 9 months 7 86 repairs, etc. 13 86 premium on Insurance policy..... 22 00 city taxes for 1902... 27 72		
			75 02
Apr. 30.	Interest account, net amount of revenue one year to 5-1-1902.....		116 88
1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, rent received.....	\$	191 90
May 1.	Balance.....		\$ 2,409 86
		<u>\$ 2,601 76</u>	<u>\$ 2,601 76</u>

ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT, R. P. CHURCH PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

1901.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 7,055 01	
1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, paid water rent, repairs, etc...	51 30	
Apr. 30.	Interest Acct., average Int..	\$426 38	
	Less interest on rent Acct.	204 10	
		<u>222 28</u>	
1902.			
May 1.	Balance	\$ 7,328 59	
		<u>\$ 7,328 59</u>	<u>\$ 7,328 59</u>

ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT, R. P. CHURCH PROPERTY RENT ACCOUNT.

1901.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 3,213 57	
1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, rents received during year	353 00	
1902.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 3,566 57	
		<u>\$ 3,566 57</u>	<u>\$ 3,566 57</u>

HOME FOR WIDOWS, ORPHANS AND AGED PEOPLE OF R. P. CHURCH.

1901.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 3,500 00	
Sept. 2.	Bond and Mortgage, Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot, six months' interest...	105 00	
1902.			
Mar. 3.	Bond and Mortgage, Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot, six months' interest....	105 00	
Apr. 7.	Cash, paid for Insurance	82 50	
1901.			
Sept. 3.	Cash, per Mrs. Anna M. Sproull, Tr., six months' interest.....	105 00	
1902.			
Feb. 27.	Cash, per Mrs. Anna M. Sproull, Tr., six months' interest.....	105 00	
May 1.	Balance.....	3,582 50	
		<u>\$ 3,792 50</u>	<u>\$ 3,792 50</u>

BOND AND MORTGAGE, MISS SARAH N. ARBUTHNOT.

1901.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 3,500 00	
Sept. 2.	Home for Widows and Orphans Acct. six months' interest to 9-3-1901	105 00	
1902.			
Mar. 3.	Home for Widows and Orphans Acct. six months' interest to 3-3-1902....	105 00	
1901.			
Sept. 2.	Cash, remitted.....	\$ 105 00	
1902.			
Mar. 3.	Cash, remitted.....	105 00	
May 1.	Balance.....	3,500 00	
		<u>\$ 3,710 00</u>	<u>\$ 3,710 00</u>

MRS. REBECCA BROWN DONATION NO. 2, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

1901.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 1,840 00	
1902.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 1,840 00	

LIFE INSURANCE POLICY.

1901.		
May 1.	Balance	\$ 1,840 00
1902.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 1,840 00

CASH DONATION.

1901		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 2,474 73
1902.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 2,474 73

REAL ESTATE DONATION.

1901.		
May 1.	Balance	\$ 677 40
1902.		
Apr. 30.	Cash, paid city, sprinkling, water, sewer and county taxes.....	67 06
1902.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 744 46
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		\$ 744 46 \$ 744 46

DONATION IN MEMORY OF MRS. ISABELLA STEWART MARTIN.

(For Chinese Foreign Mission.)

1901.		
May 1.	Balance	\$ 421 45
1902.		
Apr. 30.	Cash, income from farm.....	179 40
1902.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 600 85
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		\$ 600 85 \$ 600 85

THOMAS CHRISTISON DONATION, GUTHRIE, WIS.

1901.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 100 00
1902.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 100 00

DONATION.

(To be credited to New Concord, O. R. P. Congregation.)*

1901.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 859 42
1901.		
Aug. 20.	Walter T. Miller, Tr. Acct. (For Foreign Mission).....	\$ 859 42

DONATION ACCOUNT.
(Name not to be given.)

1901.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 900 00
1902.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 900 00

DONATION ACCOUNT.
(Name not to be given.)

1901.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 2,200 00
1902.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 2,200 00

REAL ESTATE DONATION.

(Name not to be given.)

1901.			
May 1.	Balance	\$	1 00
1902.			
May 1.	Balance	\$	1 00

REAL ESTATE ACCOUNT.

1901.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$	1 00
1902.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$	1 00

BEQUEST OF JOHN COULTER AND ELIZA JANE COULTER, HIS WIFE.

1901.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$	2 50
1902.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$	2 50

JOHN CROWE BEQUEST, RENFREW, PA.

1901.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$	1 50
Aug. 17.	Cash paid Attorney for advice, etc...	\$	15 00
1901.			
July 1.	Cash amount of legacy.....	\$4,231 83	
	Less amount retained by Attorney.....	75 00	
			\$ 4,156 83
1902.			
May 1.	Balance.	4,140 33	
		\$ 4,156 83	\$4,156 83

REV. ROBERT SHIELDS BEQUEST, ALMONTE, ONTARIO, CAN.

1901.			
May 1.	Balance	\$	600 00
1902.			
May 1.	Balance.	\$	600 00

MRS. JANE KILPATRICK ENDOWMENT BEQUEST.

(Formerly member of Muskingum and Tomica, O., Congregation.)

1901.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$	100 00
1901.			
Aug. 20.	Foreign Mission Endowment.....	\$	50 00
Aug. 20.	Bible Society Endowment	50 00	
		\$ 100 00	\$ 100 00

MRS. SARAH MCLANE BEQUEST, BARNET CONGREGATION.

1901.			
May 1.	Balance....	\$	11 00
1901.			
Aug. 20.	Southern Mission Current Account..	\$	11 00

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MRS. REBECCA JANE BURNESON BEQUEST.

(Late of Moon Township, Beaver Co., Pa.)

1901.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$	15 00
July 10.	Cash, balance of first payment or 1-5 of bequest.....		20 00
1901.			
Aug. 20.	Walter T. Miller, Tr. Acct. (for Mis- sion in Syria).....	\$	5 00
Aug. 20.	Walter T. Miller, Tr. Acct. (for Mis- sion in Latakia)....		5 00
Aug. 20.	Indian Mission Current Account. ..		5 00
Aug. 20.	Theological Seminary Current Acct.		10 00
Aug. 20.	Geneva College Current Account....		10 00
		\$	35 00
		\$	35 00

DAVID J. KIRKPATRICK BEQUEST, OF NEAR CONNERSVILLE, IND.

(Per Jos. Gamble, Executor.)

1901.			
June 26.	Cash, for Syrian Mission....	\$300 00	
	for Disabled Ministers. 500 00		
	for Widows and Chil- dren of Dec'd Ministers 200 00		
			\$ 1,000 00
1902.			
May 1.	Balance.. ..	\$ 1,000 00	

NANCY KEE BEQUEST, NEW YORK, N. Y.

(For Foreign Mission Endowment.)

1901.			
Dec. 13.	Cash, per David C. Kee, Executor...	\$	500 00
1902.			
May 1.	Balance	\$	500 00

WILLIAM REED BEQUEST, BELLEFONTAINE, O.

1902.			
Jan. 7.	Cash, per Robert G. Reed and David C. Patterson, Administ'rs, viz:		
	For Indian Mission.....	\$100 00	
	For Southern Mission... 100 00		
			\$ 200 00
1902.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$	200 00

MISS ANNA C. SMITH BEQUEST, ALLEGHENY, PA.

(Per John C. Smith and Dr. John R. Steele, Executors.)

1902.			
Jan. 21.	Cash, for Foreign Mission.....	\$	666 67
1902.			
Feb. 12.	Cash, paid Attorney for services.....	\$	10 00
May 1.	Balance		656 67
		\$	666 67
		\$	666 67

JOSEPH WILSON BEQUEST, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

(Per Rev. J. C. McFeeters, Executor.)

1902.			
Feb. 3.	Cash, for Board of Foreign Mis-		
	sions.....	\$18 07	
	Mission to the Indians ...	18 07	
	Freedman's Mission.....	18 07	
	Theological Seminary....	18 07	
			\$ 72 23
1902.			
May 1.	Balance	\$	72 23

JAMES FRASER BEQUEST, NEW YORK, N. Y.

1901.			
May 1.	Balance		\$ 2,029 50
1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, rents received.....		814 63
1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, paid for water rent.....	\$ 20 00	
	City taxes for 1901	333 50	
	Premium on Insurance		
	policy.....	10 00	
	Repairs.....	375 30	
May 1.	Balance.....	2,105 33	
		\$ 2,844 13	\$ 2,844 13

IOWA PRESBYTERY INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Dividend.....		\$ 33 25
1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, Remitted.....	\$ 33 25	

WILKINSBURG CONGREGATION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Dividend.....	\$	23 75
1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, Remitted.....	\$ 23 75	

MRS. AGNES MCINROY INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1902.			
Apr. 18.	Interest to May 1, 1902.....	\$	120 00
1902.			
Apr. 18.	Cash, Remitted.....	\$ 120 00	

JAMES R. MCKEE MEMORIAL INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Dividend.....	\$	47 50
Apr. 30.	Dividend.....		95 00
1902.			
Apr. 30.	Walter T. Miller Tr. Account for For-		
	eign Mission Current Account....	\$ 47 50	
Apr. 30.	Fund for Widows and Children of De-		
	ceased Ministers Current Account	95 00	
		\$ 142 50	\$ 142 50

FOREIGN MISSION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1902.			
Apr. 25.	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Mortgage Account, 5 shares.....	\$ 2,321 11	
Apr. 30.	Dividend 4.75% on Endowment of \$42,986 17		2,041 84
1902.			
Apr. 25.	Walter T. Miller, Tr. Account.....	\$ 2,321 11	
Apr. 30.	Walter T. Miller, Tr. Account.....	2,041 84	
		<u>\$ 4,362 95</u>	<u>\$ 4,362 95</u>

CHURCH EXTENSION OR ERECTION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1902.			
Apr. 25.	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Mortgage Account, 1 share.....	\$ 464 22	
Apr. 30.	Dividend 4.75% on Endowment of \$3,400 00		161 50
1902.			
Apr. 25.	Walter T. Miller, Tr. Account.....	\$ 464 22	
Apr. 30.	Walter T. Miller, Tr. Account.....	161 50	
		<u>\$ 625 72</u>	<u>\$ 625 72</u>

CENTRAL REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALLEGHENY.

1902.			
Apr. 25.	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Mortgage Account, 1 share.....	\$ 464 22	
1902.			
Apr. 25.	Cash, Remitted	\$ 464 22	

CASH DONATION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Interest Account.....	\$ 125 00	
1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, Remitted	\$ 125 00	

THOMAS CHRISTISON DONATION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1902.			
Mar. 31.	Interest Account, 1 year's interest to 3-30-1902....	\$ 5 00	
1902.			
Mar. 31.	Cash, Remitted	\$ 5 00	

DONATION ACCOUNT. INTEREST ACCOUNT.
(Name not to be used.)

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Interest Account.....	\$ 36 00	
1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, Remitted semi-annually.....	\$ 36 00	

DONATION ACCOUNT. INTEREST ACCOUNT.
(Name not to be used.)

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Interest Account.....	\$ 94 50	
1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, Remitted semi-annually.....	\$ 94 50	

REV. ROBERT SHIELDS BEQUEST INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1901.		
June 24.	Interest Account, 1 year's interest to 6-29-1901.....	\$ 24 00
1901.		
June 24.	Cash, Remitted Mrs. Elizabeth Shields	\$ 24 00

WALTER T. MILLER, TREASURER ACCOUNT.

1901		
Aug. 20.	Donation to be credited to New Con- cord O., Cong., for Foreign Mission Mrs. Rebecca Jane Burneson Bequest for Mission in Syria.....	\$ 859 42 5 00
	Mrs. Rebecca Jane Burneson Bequest for Mission in Latakia.	5 00
1902.		
Apr. 25.	Foreign Mission Int. Acct....\$2,321 11 Church Erection Int. Acct... 464 22	 2,785 33
Apr. 30.	Foreign Mission Int. Acct. . 2,041 84 Church Erection Int. Acct .. 161 50 J. R. McKee Memorial Int. Acct. 47 50	 2,250 84
	Sustentation Fund.....	12 90
1901.		
Aug. 23.	Cash, Remitted.	\$ 869 42
1902.		
Apr. 25.	Cash, Remitted	2,785 33
Apr. 30.	Cash, Remitted	2,250 84
May 1.	Balance.	12 90
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		\$ 5,918 49 \$ 5,918 49

W. P. M. S. OF PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY.

1901.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 200 00
Nov. 4.	Interest Acct.....	10 00
1901.		
Nov. 4.	Cash, Remitted Mrs. J. R. McKee, Tr.	\$ 10 00
1902.		
May 1.	Balance.....	200 00
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		\$ 210 00 \$ 210 00

REV. A. J. MCFARLAND, LECTURER.

1901.		
May 1.	Balance	\$ 12 37
1901.		
May 8.	Cash, Remitted Rev. A. J. McFarland	\$ 12 37

REV. W. W. CARITHERS ACCOUNT.

1901.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 600 52
1901.		
July 11.	Cash, Remitted.....	\$ 600 52

SUIT. J. A. CUMMINGS.

1901.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 3 30
1902.		
May 1.	Balance....	\$ 3 30

SOUTH CAROLINA CEMETERY LOT REPAIRS, NEAR CHESTER, S. C.

1901.		
June 10.	Cash, balance of money left after repairing lot per order of Synod, 1901, per Rev. D. S. Faris.....	\$ 12 25
1902.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 12 25

FUND TO PROCURE HOME FOR FAMILY OF REV. CHAS. CLYDE, DECEASED.

1902.		
Apr. 30.	Cash, Received.....	\$ 2,902 69
1902.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 2,902 69

REPAIRS ON PROPERTY (REAL ESTATE DONATION.)
(The donor pays this.)

1901.			
May 1.	Balance	\$ 17 67	
Sept. 30.	Cash, paid for repairs	125 70	
1901.			
Sept. 30.	Cash, balance in full for repairs.....	\$ 143 37	
		<u>\$ 143 37</u>	<u>\$ 143 37</u>

REAL ESTATE DONATION RENT ACCOUNT.

(This belongs to the donor.)

1902.		
Apr. 8.	Cash, Rent received	\$ 6 22
1902.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 6 22

OFFICE FURNITURE ACCOUNT.

1901.		
May 1.	Balance	\$ 250 00
1902.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 250 00

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

1902.		
Apr. 30.	Cash, Rent of office to 5-1-1902.....	\$ 647 59
	Car fare.....	14 00
	P. O. Stamps.....	48 43
	Stationery	28 45
	Rent Telephone 15 months	68 75
	Revenue Stamps.....	1 42
	Extra Telephone Tolls.....	40.
	Church Scheme Circulars and Cards.....	20 33
	Miss L. L. Euwer for typewriting two Copies of Secretary's Report to Synod	5 30
	Equitable Trust Co., for bond of Treasurer.	50 00
	Moving Telephone.....	5 00
	Subscription to "Christian Nation" 2 years.....	3 00
	2 Copies of Minutes of Synod, 1901.....	60
	J. C. McCombs, Att'y for examining records of East End R. P. Church Mortgage.....	5 00

	Printing postal cards for Secretary.....	6 25	
	1 Book Litho. receipts	13 00	
	Premium on Insurance of office furniture	4 15	
	Expenses in moving office.....	34 00	
	Repairing chairs.....	4 60	
	John T. Morton, salary 12 mos. to 5-1-1902.....	2,100 00	
	D. Chesnut, Secretary, salary 12 mos. to 5-1-1902	500 00	
1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, received from First Nat. Bank, Pittsburgh, for 1 Book of Litho. Checks (paid by us Dec. 12, 1900).	\$ 14 00	
Apr. 30.	Geneva College Current Account. ...	354 56	
	Theological Seminary Current Acct..	265 93	
	Domestic Mission Current Acct.	265 93	
	Southern Mission Current Acct.....	177 28	
	Interest Acct.	2,481 97	
		\$ 3,559 67	\$ 3,559 67

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1901.			
May 1.	Balance	\$ 122 00	
1902.			
Apr. 25.	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Interest Account.....	366 49	
Apr. 30.	Sundries.....	7 02	
	Robert Aiken Property Acct.	42 94	
	St Johnsbury Church Property Acct.	222 28	
	Real Estate Acct. (4 Susq St.).....	116 88	
	Geneva College Current Acct.....	227 01	
	Cash, Interest received during year...	16,951 92	
1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, paid Rev. Robert Shields Bequest Interest Acct.	\$ 24 00	
	Cash, paid Cash Donation Int. Acct...	125 00	
	Cash, paid Sundry Cash Donation Interest Accts.....	130 50	
	Cash, paid W. P. M. S. Pittsburgh Pres. Acct.....	10 00	
	Cash, paid Thos. Christison, Donation Int. Acct.....	5 00	
	Cash, paid Mrs. Agnes McInroy, Int. Acct.....	120 60	
	Sundries	140 62	
	Expense Acct	2,481 97	
	Dividend 4.75% on Endowment of \$809,826.79.....	14,716 74	
May 1.	Balance	302 71	
		\$18,056 54	\$18,056 54

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

1901.			
May 1.	Balance	\$ 493 49	
1902.			
May 1.	Balance	\$ 493 49	

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CASH ACCOUNT.

1901.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$19,859 93
1902.		
Apr. 30.	Receipts.....	196,406 55
1902.		
Apr. 30.	Expenditures.....	\$209,515 76
May 1.	Balance.....	6,750 72
		<u>\$216,266 48</u> <u>\$216,266 48</u>

DOMESTIC MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1901.		
May 1.	Balance'.....	\$ 47 10

Receipts.

1902.		
Apr. 30.	Cash, 113 Congregations....	\$3,496 94
	15 Sabbath Schools....	326 46
	14 L. M. S.....	176 15
	4 Y. P. Societies.....	29 94
	1 W. P. M. S.....	82 75
	49 Individuals.....	537 64
	Mary Gray Bequest... ..	4 50
	1 Pres. C. E. Union... ..	30 00
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		4,684 38
	Amount returned by Vermont Presbytery.....	18 00
	Amount returned by Ohio Pres- bytery.....	125 00
	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Mort- gage Account, 3 shares.....	1,392 66
	Dividend, 4.75% on Endowment of \$31,101.04.....	1,477 30

Expenditures.

1902.		
Apr. 30.	Cash, Preaching in Chicago.....	\$ 75 00
	75% of appropriations by Synod, 1901, viz.:	
	N. B. & N. S. Pres., Rev. Thos. McFall, Tr.....	262 50
	Iowa Pres., G. Cunningham, Tr.	772 50
	Lakes Pres., Rev. R. Hargrave, Tr.....	412 50
	Kansas Pres., R. M. Atchison, Tr.....	1,575 00
	Ohio Pres., Rev. A. A. Samson, Tr.....	337 50
	Colo. Pres., E. B. Lemmon, Tr.	825 00
	Vermont Pres, Rev. J. C. Tay- lor, Tr.....	75 00
	Rochester Pres., John Hunter, Jr., Tr.....	75 00
	Illinois Pres., Rev. D. S. Faris, Tr.....	375 00
	Phila. Pres., Rev. J. C. McFeet- ers, Tr.....	150 00
	Pittsburgh Pres., John T. Mor- ton, Tr.....	918 75
	Paid for printing 1000 letter heads.....	4 50
	Balance or 25% of appropria- tions by Synod 1900, viz.:	
	N. B. & N. S. Pres, Rev. Thos. McFall, Tr.....	75 00

Iowa Pres., G. Cunningham, Tr.	25 00	
Lakes Pres., Rev. R. Hargrave, Tr.....	137 50	
Kansas Pres., R. M. Atchison, Tr.....	650 00	
Ohio Pres., Rev. A. A. Samson, Tr.....	225 00	
Colo. Pres., E. B. Lemmon, Tr.	312 50	
Rochester Pres., John Hunter, Jr., Tr.....	25 00	
Illinois Pres., Rev. D. S. Faris, Tr.....	100 00	
Phila. Pres., Rev. J. C. McFeet- ers, Tr....	50 00	
Pittsburgh Pres., John T. Mor- ton, Tr.....	325 00	
Expense Account	265 93	
1902.		
May 1. Balance overdrawn.....		304 74
	<u>\$ 8,049 18</u>	<u>\$ 8,049 18</u>

PLEASANT GROVE MISSION PROPERTY RENT ACCOUNT.

1902.		
Apr. 30. Cash, Rent per J. H. Pickens.....		\$ 30 00
1902		
Apr. 30. Southern Mission Current Account...	\$ 30 00	

TEACHER'S HOME, SELMA, ALABAMA, RENT ACCOUNT.

1902.		
Apr. 30. Cash, Rent to 5-1-1902 per Rev. J. G. Reed.....		\$ 100 00
1902.		
Apr. 30. Southern Mission Current Account...	\$ 100 00	

SOUTHERN MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1901.		
May 1. Balance		\$ 149 88

Receipts.

1902.		
Apr. 30. Cash, 101 Congregations....	\$1,966 45	
32 Sabbath Schools....	566 52	
1 S. S. Class.....	2 00	
26 L. M. S.....	335 90	
3 Mission Bands.....	16 73	
5 Y. P. Societies.....	51 50	
51 Individuals.....	478 42	
4 W. P. M. S	218 02	
1 Pres. C. E. Union... .	30 00	
For drilling well (add'l)	31 00	
		3,6 6 55
Mrs. Sarah McLane Bequest.....		11 00
D. Gregg Endowm't Bequest Mort- gage Acct., 1 share.....		464 22
Pleasant Grove Mission Property Rent Account.....		30 00
Teacher's Home, Selma, Ala., Rent Acct.....		100 00
Dividend 4.75% on Endowment of \$4,556 28.....		216 42

Expenditures.

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, Rev. Solomon Kingston, sal. to 5-1-1902.....	400 00	
	J. H. Pickens, sal. to 5-1-1902..	420 00	
	Rev. J. G. Røed, sal. to 5-1-1902.	1,000 00	
	Miss Margaret McCartney, sal. 5-1-1902	390 00	
	Miss Lena L. Beattie, sal. to 6-1-1901.....	40 00	
	Miss Lillian Hobbie, sal. to 5-1-1902.....	320 00	
	Mrs. G. M. Sims, sal. to 5-1-1902	320 00	
	Miss Blanche George, sal. to 5-1-1902	320 00	
	Miss Sophia P. Kingston, sal. to 5-1-1902	280 00	
	Miss May R. Beattie, sal. to 5-1-1902.....	200 00	
	Miss Lizzie Brown, sal. to 5-1-1902.....	280 00	
	Miss Margaret McCartney, traveling expenses.....	37 05	
	Miss Lena L. Beattie, traveling expenses.....	16 75	
	Miss Lillian Hobbie, traveling expenses.....	36 50	
	Miss Blanche George, traveling expenses.....	37 05	
	Miss May R. Beattie, traveling expenses.....	31 55	
	Miss Lizzie Brown, traveling expenses.....	17 70	
	Rev. R. M. Sommerville, bill for Psalters.....	8 28	
	Premium on Insurance policies	166 00	
	Artesian well at Southern Mission Acct	76 14	
	Expense Acct.....	177 28	
May 1.	Balance	93 77	
		<u>\$ 4,668 07</u>	<u>\$ 4,668 07</u>

ARTESIAN WELL AT SOUTHERN MISSION.

1902.		
Apr. 30.	Southern Mission Current Acct.....	\$ 76 14
1902.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 76 14

CHINESE HOME MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1901.		
May 1.	Balance	\$ 205 06

Receipts.

1902.		
Apr. 30.	Cash, 65 Congregations	\$420 15
	3 Sabbath Schools.....	19 23
	2 L. M. S.....	25 00
	15 Individuals	55 50
	1 W. P. M. S.....	35 50
		<u>\$ 555 38</u>
	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Mortgage Acct., one share.....	464 22
	Dividend 4.75% on Endowment of \$100	4 75

Expenditures.

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, Mrs. R. R. Johnston, sal. to 1-1-1902.....	\$ 200 00	
	Hall rent to 6-1-1902.....	254 00	
	Gas bills.....	33 95	
	Fuel	7 50	
	Mrs. S. C. Borland, sal. to 5-1-1902.....	115 00	
	Miss Grace Johnston, sal. 3½ mos.....	35 00	
	Mr. Geo. Hanmore, sal. to 5-1-1902.....	30 00	
	Rev. N. R. Johnston, recognition of services.....	50 00	
May 1.	Balance.....	503 96	
		<u>\$ 1,229 41</u>	<u>\$ 1,229 41</u>

1901. INDIAN MISSION INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 139 60
1902.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 139 60

1901. INDIAN MISSION BUILDING ACCOUNT.

May 1.	Balance	\$ 2 89
1902.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 2 89

MRS. M. A. SLATER, AS A MEMORIAL TO HER SON, RENWICK G. SLATER.
(To start a new branch of Indian Mission.)

1901.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 250 00
1902.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 250 00

INDIAN MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1902.

Receipts.

Apr. 30.	Cash, 103 Congregations.....	\$1,878 97	
	17 Sabbath Schools....	227 68	
	2 S. S. Classes.....	5 09	
	10 L. M. S.....	57 75	
	5 Mission Bands.....	40 56	
	4 Y P. Societies.....	30 96	
	56 Individuals.....	390 21	
		<u>\$ 2,631 22</u>	
	W. P. M. S. of Pittsburgh Pres., balance of Rev. W. W. Carither's sal. to 2-1-1902.....	\$ 750 00	
	W. P. M. S. of Pittsburgh Pres., on account of Rev. W. W. Carither's sal. from 2-1-1902....	250 00	
		<u>1,000 00</u>	
	Miss Mary A. Moore, returned salary.....	37 50	
	Miss Fannie Thomas, returned salary	37 50	
	Mrs. Rebecca Jane Burneson Bequest	5 00	
	Receipts per Rev. J. R. W. Stevenson.	95 10	
	Receipts per Rev. W. W. Carithers...	166 46	
	Dividend 4 75% on Endowment of \$1,500 00.....	71 25	
1901.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 443 36	

Expenditures.

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, Rev. W. W. Carithers, sal. to 5-1-1902.....	700 00	
	Rev. J. R. W. Stevenson, sal. to 5-1-1902.....	660 00	
	W. W. Humphreys, sal. to 12-1-1901.....	175 00	
	Miss Fannie E. Thomas, sal. to 7-1-1901.....	75 00	
	Arthur A. Logan, sal. to 5-1-1902.....	300 00	
	Miss Mary Willson, sal. to 5-1-1902.....	250 00	
	Miss Alice Carithers, sal. to 5-1-1902.....	75 00	
	W. S. McAnlis and daughter, sal. to 5-1-1902.....	2 0 00	
	Mrs. Emily Humphreys, medical services.....	100 00	
	Premium on Insurance policies W. S. McAnlis and daughter, traveling expenses.....	95 00	
	Expenses per report of Rev. J. R. W. Stevenson.....	38 52	
	Expenses per report of Rev. W. W. Carithers.....	579 82	
		1,208 23	
May 1.	Balance overdrawn.....		855 90
		<u>\$ 4,899 93</u>	<u>\$ 4,899 93</u>

JEWISH MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1901.		
May 1.	Balance	\$ 173 15

Receipts.

1902.		
Apr. 30.	Cash, 86 Congregations.....	\$655 84
	3 Sabbath Schools.....	14 48
	4 L. M. S.....	41 75
	1 Mission Band.....	5 00
	1 Y. P. Society.....	26 75
	28 Individuals.....	148 15
	1 W. P. M. S.....	15 50
	2 C. E. Unions.....	38 90
		<u>946 37</u>

Expenditures.

1902.		
Apr. 30.	Cash, paid Philadelphia Jewish Mission, Wm. G. Carson, Tr.....	\$ 1,080 00
May 1.	Balance	39 52
		<u>\$ 1,119 52</u>
		<u>\$ 1,119 52</u>

MEMORIAL BUILDING RENT ACCOUNT.

1901.		
May 1.	Balance	\$ 3,964 56

Receipts.

1902.		
Apr. 30.	Cash, Rent received.....	800 00

Expenditures.

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, Water rent for 1901.....	\$ 12 00	
	Insurance, plate glass.....	10 00	
	City taxes for 1901 delinquent, allowed to become so in effort to get reduction.....	254 70	
	City taxes for 1902	261 99	
	1-3 amount of Natural gas bills for year.....	48 88	
	Premium on Insurance policies on building.....	100 00	
	New Metal Ceiling.....	128 09	
	Allegheny Illuminat'g Co's bills	2 80	
	Repairs, etc.....	163 47	
May 1.	Balance.....	3,782 72	
		<u>\$ 4,764 56</u>	<u>\$ 4,764 56</u>

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1901.		
May 1.	Balance	\$ 600 88

Receipts.

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, 86 Congregations.....	\$507 08	
	3 Sabbath Schools.....	16 28	
	14 Individuals.....	51 98	
		<u>575 34</u>	
	Mrs. Rebecca Jane Burneson Bequest	10 00	
	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Mort- gage Acct., 1 share.....	464 22	
	Dividend 4.75% on Endowment of \$60,737.14.....	2,885 01	

Expenditures.

1901.			
* May 1.	Cash, paid traveling expenses attend- ing Board meeting 4-30-1901, viz.:		
	J. R. Steele.....	\$ 2 25	
	Rev. R. M. Sommerville, D. D. .	26 00	
	Rev. T. P. Stevenson, D. D.	13 00	
	W. R. Sterrett.....	9 60	
	Lessons in Elocution to Stu- dents, 1901.....	71 00	
1902.			
Apr. 29.	Cash, traveling expenses attending Board meeting 4-29-1902, viz.:		
	W. R. Sterrett.....	13 50	
	Rev. T. P. Stevenson, D. D.	13 00	
	J. R. Steele	2 26	
Apr. 30.	Cash, Rev. D. B. Willson, D. D., sal. to 6-1-1902.....	2,000 00	
	Rev. R. J. George, D. D., sal. to 6-1-1902	2,000 00	
	Lessons in Elocution to Stu- dents, 1902	28 00	
	Expense Acct.....	265 93	
May 1.	Balance	90 91	
		<u>\$ 4,535 45</u>	<u>\$ 4,535 45</u>

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY FUND.

1901.		
May 1.	Balance	\$ 1,090 59

Receipts.

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, 44 Congregations.....	\$147 17	
	3 Sabbath Schools.....	18 95	
	10 Individuals	30 13	
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	Volumes resold.....		196 25
			26 96

Expenditures.

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, paid for books, binding, etc....	\$ 167 05	
	Insurance on books and cases..	20 00	
	Geneva College Library Acct. (one-		
	half of receipts during year)	98 13	
May 1.	Balance.....	1,028 62	
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		\$ 1,313 80	\$ 1,313 80

STUDENTS' FUND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1901.		
May 1.	Balance	\$ 1,881 69

Receipts.

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, 2 Congregations.....	\$5 95	
	2 Individuals.....	3 50	
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	Dividend 4.75% on Endowment of		9 45
	\$15,808.76.....		750 91

Expenditures.

1901.			
Nov. 30.	Cash, paid per order Synod's Board		
	of Control as follows:		
	Wilmer G. Robb.....	\$ 125 00	
	Hugh McCarroll.....	125 00	
	H. B. McMillan.....	125 00	
	E. L. McKnight.....	125 00	
	Delber H. Elliott	175 00	
	D. C. Mathews.....	175 00	
	Samuel Edgar.....	175 00	
	Samuel E. Greer	175 00	
	Ernest M. Elsey.....	175 00	
	John Yates	175 00	
	H. G. Patterson.....	175 00	
1902.			
May 1.	Balance.....	917 05	
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		\$ 2,642 05	\$ 2,642 05

AGED MINISTERS' FUND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1901.		
May 1.	Balance	\$ 557 88

Receipts.

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, 89 Congregations.....	\$570 10	
	2 Sabbath Schools.....	19 03	
	18 Individuals.....	56 31	
			645 44
	Dividend 4.75% on Endowment of		
	\$12,740.56		605 16

Expenditures.

1901.			
Nov. 30.	Cash, paid per order of Synod's Board of Control as follows:		
	Rev. H. P. McClurkin.....	\$ 400 00	
	Rev. J. R. Baird.....	275 00	
	Rev. S. M. Stevenson	200 00	
	Rev. J. C. K. Faris.....	150 00	
	Rev. J. M. Armour.....	200 00	
	News-Herald, per order of Board	2 60	
1902.			
May 1.	Balance.....	580 88	
		<u>\$ 1,808 48</u>	<u>\$ 1,808 48</u>

FUND FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF DECEASED MINISTERS' CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1901.		
May 1.	Balance	\$ 283 12

Receipts.

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, 83 Congregations.....	\$545 89	
	2 Sabbath Schools	13 23	
	15 Individuals.....	74 47	
			633 59
	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Mortgage Acct., 1 share.....		464 22
	Dividend 4.75% on Endowment of		
	\$5,691.06		270 33
	Jas. R. McKee Memorial Interest Acct.		95 00

Expenditures.

1901.			
Nov. 30.	Cash, paid per order of Synod's Board of Control, as follows:		
	Mrs. Belle T. Dodds.....	\$ 150 00	
	Mrs. Lydia French.....	25 00	
	Mrs. Nancy Ried.....	100 00	
	Mrs. Margaret Lawson.....	125 00	
	Mrs. Mary A. McMillan.....	150 00	
	Mrs. Laura A. Speer.....	150 00	
	Mrs. Jane Slater.....	75 00	
	Mrs. Mary A. Yates.....	100 00	
	Mrs. Isabella Milroy.....	75 00	
	Mrs. K. Elizabeth Smith	75 00	
	Mrs. Susan Love.....	75 00	
	Mrs. Martha S. George.....	150 00	
	News-Herald per order of Board	1 15	
1902.			
May 1.	Balance.....	495 11	
		<u>\$ 1,746 26</u>	<u>\$1,746 26</u>

SUSTENTATION FUND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1901.		
May 1.	Balance	\$ 3,125 52

Receipts.

1902.		
Apr. 30.	Cash, 104 Congregations....	\$1,470 72
	3 Sabbath Schools....	23 72
	1 Individual.....	1,500 00
	20 Individuals.....	126 77
	Cash.....	12 90
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		3,134 11
	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Mortgage Acct., 1 share.....	464 22

Expenditures.

1901.		
July 5.	Cash, paid appropriations by Synod, 1901, in full, as follows:	
	Rev. D. C. Faris, Barnet Cong.	\$ 294 88
	Rev. W. J. Sanderson, Cedarville Congregation.....	194 00
	Rev. J. C. Slater, Jonathan's Creek Congregation	291 00
	Rev. Chas. Clyde, Lochiel Cong.	339 50
	Rev. J. R. Latimer, Slippery Rock Congregation.....	242 50
	Rev. T. J. Allen, Sterling, Kansas Congregation.....	155 20
	Rev. G. M. Robb, Syracuse Cong.	589 76
	Rev. T. A. McElwain, West Hebron Congregation.....	436 50
	Rev. John H. Pritchard, White Lake Congregation.....	291 00
	Rev. Isaiah Faris, Vernon Cong.	291 00
	Walter T. Miller, Tr. Acct.....	12 90
1902.		
May 1.	Balance	3,585 61
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		\$ 6,723 85 \$ 6,723 85

TESTIMONY BEARING CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1901.		
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 399 94

Receipts.

1902.		
Apr. 30.	Cash, 82 Congregations.	\$88 38
	2 Sabbath Schools	19 37
	1 Y. P. Society	2 00
	20 Individuals.....	242 04
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		1,101 79
	Receipts per report of Rev. A. J. McFarland	141 18

Expenditures.

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, Rev. A. J. McFarland, lecturer, sal. to 6-1-1902.....	\$ 1,200 00	
	Paul Heather & Co., order No. 87.....	27 50	
	Rev. W. J. Coleman, Oider No. 88.....	12 45	
	Expenses per report of Rev. A. J. McFarland, lecturer.....	107 51	
May 1.	Balance	295 45	
		<u>\$ 1,642 91</u>	<u>\$ 1,642 91</u>

GENEVA COLLEGE LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1901.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$	124 61

Receipts.

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Theological Seminary Library Fund (one-half of receipts of Library Fund during year).....		98 13

Expenditures.

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, paid for books, magazines, etc..	\$ 49 45	
May 1.	Balance.....	173 29	
		<u>\$ 222 74</u>	<u>\$ 222 74</u>

GENEVA COLLEGE INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, received for Interest on Geneva College notes during year.....	\$	72 00
1902.			
Apr. 30.	Geneva College Current Account.....	\$	72 00

GENEVA COLLEGE CURRENT ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, For repairs 67 Cong.....	\$790 99	
	For repairs 1 Sabbath School.....	8 31	
	For repairs 9 Individuals	58 46	
			\$ 857 76
	98 Congregations.....	735 40	
	3 Sabbath Schools.....	33 41	
	14 Individuals.....	23 23	
			792 04
	Rent of Chapel.....		100 00
	Tuition		3,382 30
	Received through Rev. W. P. Johnston on Acct. of debt...		150 00
	Mrs. Rebecca Jane Burneson Bequest		10 00
	Geneva College Interest Account....		72 00
	Dividend 4.75% on Endowment of \$127,005.78.....		6,032 77
1901.			
May 1.	Balance.....	\$ 3,783 53	

Expenditures.

1902.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, Prize of Board of Trustees....	25 00	
	Balance for tilling Professor Smith's place.....	15 00	
	Printing postal cards.....	3 50	
	Rev. A. Kilpatrick, expenses attending Board meetings....	2 50	
	Rev. J. R. Wylie, expenses at- tending Board meetings	5 40	
	Bills for Science Hall.....	213 97	
	Repairs, paving, etc.....	1,219 41	
	Rev. W. P. Johnston, D.D., sal. to 6-1-1902.....	1,500 00	
	Prof. Geo. Kennedy, sal. to 6-1- 1902.....	1,200 00	
	Prof. W. M. Milroy, sal. to 6-1- 1902.....	1,200 00	
	Prof. J. M. Coleman, sal. to 6-1- 1902.....	1,200 00	
	Prof. R. J. McIsaac, sal. to 6-1- 1902	1,000 00	
	Prof. B. C. Barnard, sal. to 6-1- 1902.....	1,000 00	
	Prof. Geo. M. Johnston, sal. to 6-1-1902.	1,000 00	
	Miss Grace P. Moorhead, sal. 6- 1-1902	630 00	
	Prof. Jos. H. Thompson, sal. to 6-1-1902.....	270 00	
	Interest Account one year's Interest to 5-1-1902, on overdraft of \$3,783.53	227 01	
	Expense Acct.....	354 56	
1902.			
May 1.	Balance overdrawn		\$ 3 453 01
		\$14,849 88	\$14,849 88

BALANCE SHEET MAY 1, 1902.

LIABILITIES.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

	1901.	1902.
Geneva College Endowment.....	\$127,005 78	\$127,255 78
Theological Seminary Endowment....	60,737 14	60,737 14
Students' Fund Endowment.....	15,808 76	15,877 93
Foreign Mission Endowment.....	42,986 17	43,036 17
Domestic Mission Endowment.....	31,101 04	31,101 04
Southern Mission Endowment.....	4,556 28	4,556 28
Chinese Mission Endowment.....	100 00	100 00
Indian Mission Endowment.....	1,500 00	1,500 00
Aged Ministers' Endowment.....	12,740 56	12,740 56
Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers' Endowment.....	5,691 06	5,691 06
Church Extension Endowment.....	3,400 00	3,400 00
James R. McKee Memorial Endowment (For Widows and Children).....	2,000 00	2,000 00
James R. McKee Memorial Endowment (Foreign Mission).....	1,000 00	1,000 00
Iowa Presbytery Endowment.....	700 00	700 00
Wilksburg Congregation Endowment.....	500 00	500 00
Bible Society Endowment.....		50 00
(Dividend 4 75% declared on this amount).....	\$309,826 79	
Mrs. Agnes McInroy Endowment (not governed by dividend but by specified rate of Interest)		3,000 00
Amount of General Endowment Account.....		\$313,245 96
D. Gregg Bequest Endowment (not governed by dividend; net revenue distributed as in- structed by donor).....		157,015 73
		<u>\$470,261 69</u>

SUNDRY ACCOUNTS

St. Johnsbury Church property Rent Account.....	3,566 57
Bond and Mortgage, Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot.....	3,500 00
Fund to Procure Home for Family of Rev. Chas. Clyde, de- ceased.....	2,902 69
Mrs. Rebecca Brown Donation, No. 2.....	1,840 00
Cash Donation.....	2,474 73
Donation in Memory of Mrs. Isabella Stewart Martin.....	600 85
Real Estate Donation, Rent Account.....	6 22
Thomas Christison Donation.....	100 00
Donation: (name not to be given).....	900 00
Donation: (name not to be given).....	2,200 00
Real Estate Donation: (name not to be given).....	1 00
John Crowe Bequest.....	4,140 33
Rev. Robert Shields Bequest.....	600 00
James Fraser Bequest.....	2,105 33
David J. Kirkpatrick Bequest.....	1,000 00
Nancy Kee Bequest.....	500 00
William Reed Bequest.....	200 00
Miss Anna C. Smith Bequest.....	656 67
Joseph Wilson Bequest.....	72 28
South Carolina Cemetery Lot Repairs.....	12 25
W. P. M. S. of Pittsburgh Presbytery Account.....	200 00
Interest Account.....	302 71
Contingent Account.....	493 49

CURRENT ACCOUNTS.

Southern Mission Current Account.....	93 77
Chinese Home Mission Current Account.....	503 96
Mrs. M. A. Slater (as a memorial to her son, Renwick G. Slater, etc.).....	250 00
Indian Mission Industrial School	139 60
Theological Seminary Current Account.....	90 91
Memorial Building Rent Account.....	3,782 72
Theological Seminary Library Fund	1,028 62
Students' Fund Current Account.....	917 05
Aged Ministers' Fund Current Account... ..	550 88
Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers Current Account.....	495 11
Testimony Bearing Current Account.....	295 45
Geneva College Library Account.....	173 29
Jewish Mission Current Account.....	39 2
Sustentation Fund Current Account	3,585 61
Artesian Well at Southern Mission Account	76 14
Walter T. Miller, Treasurer, Account.....	12 90

ASSETS.

Domestic Mission Current Account.....	\$ 304 74	
Indian Mission Current Account.....	855 90	
Indian Mission Building Account.....	2 89	
Geneva College Current Account.....	3,453 01	
Life Insurance Policy.	1,840 00	
Real Estate Donation.....	744 46	
Real Estate Account (name not to be given)	1 00	
Bequest of John Coulter and Eliza Jane Coulter his wife.....	2 50	
Robert Aiken Property Account	758 61	
Real Estate (No. 4 Susquehanna St., Pgh. Pa.)..	2,409 86	
St. Johnsbury, Vt., R. P. Church Property Acct. Home for Widows, Orphans and Aged People R. P. Church.....	7,328 59	
Suit: J. A. Cummings.....	3,582 50	
Office Furniture Account.....	3 30	
D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Mortgage Acct..	250 00	
Mortgage Account.....	146,950 00	
General Endowment Account.. ..	22,218 30	
Cash Account.....	313,245 96	
	6,750 72	
	<u>\$510,702 34</u>	<u>\$510,702 34</u>

REPORT OF WALTER T. MILLER FOR THE FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

The receipts have been:

From Congregations.....	\$ 10,667 07
From Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies.....	3,518 80
From Individuals and Bequests... ..	2,305 50
From Synod Board of Trustees Dividend D. Gregg Estate..	987 85
From Synod Board of Trustees Dividend from Invested Funds	2,149 30
From Synod Board of Trustees J. R. McKee Endowment...	50 00
From Young Women Reformed Presbyterian Church.....	253 07
From Ministers Reformed Presbyterian Church.....	156 20
From Elders Reformed Presbyterian Church.....	34 50
For Debt of this Account.....	12 50
Total Receipts.....	<u>20,134 79</u>

The Expenditures have been:

For Salaries.....	\$10,556 19
For Mission Expenses, Tarsus.....	3,051 04
For Mission Expenses, Latakia.....	2,373 94
For Mission Expenses, Suadia.....	729 16
For Mission Expenses, Cyprus.....	970 50
For Medical Supplies, Cyprus.....	63 38
For Medical Supplies, Suadia.....	36 76
For Medical Supplies, Latakia.....	180 12
For Shipping Expenses.....	475 86
For Small Items, Printing Stationery.....	13 66
For Special Contributions.....	556 56
For Traveling Expenses, Dr. S. A. S. Metheny.....	394 55
For Traveling Expenses, Miss M. R. Wylie.....	212 73
For Traveling Expenses, Rev. H. Easson.....	353 64

Total Expenditures

\$19,968 09

Excess Receipts over Expenditures.....

\$ 166 70

Deducted Debit Balance March 30, 1901.....

13,341 50

Leaves this account overdrawn at date.....

\$13,174 80

REPORT OF SAME FOR THE MISSION IN CHINA.

The Receipts have been:

From Congregations.....	\$ 2,103 92
From Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies.....	601 30
From Individuals and Bequests.....	689 75
Total Receipts.....	\$ 3,385 97

The Expenditures have been:

For Salaries.....	\$ 1,950 00
For Contingent Expenses.....	100 00
For Special Contributions.....	150 00
For Surgical Instruments.....	97 25
For Medical Supplies.....	27 25
For Mission Expenses.....	37 14
For Traveling Expenses and Outfit Dr. J. Maude George.....	220 00
For Traveling Expenses Rev. A. I. Robb and family, Miss Torrence and Dr. J. Maude George.....	740 00
For Traveling Expenses and Outfit Rev. J. K. Robb.....	270 35

Total Expenditures

3,591 99

Excess Expenditures over Receipts.....

\$ 206 02

Deducted from Balance Credit May 9, 1901.....

4,234 46

Leaves Balance Credit at date.....

\$ 4,028 44

REPORT OF SAME FOR THE BUILDING FUND OF MISSION IN CHINA.

Cr.

1901.		
May 9.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....	\$ 904 91

Dr.

1902.		
Apr. 1.	To Cash paid Brown Bros. Co., Sterling Bill, £102.19.9 @ 4.85½.....	\$ 100 00
May 12.	Balance carried down.....	404 91
		\$ 904 91
		\$ 904 91

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1902.		
May 12.	By Balance carried down.....	\$ 404 91

REPORT OF SAME FOR TEMPORARY INVESTMENT FUND.

Cr.

1901.		
May 17.	By Balance as reported Synod.....	\$13,404 17
1902.		
May 15.	By Interest earned to date.....	107 86
May 15.	By Interest on remainder of Gift of June, 1895.....	36 00

Dr.

1902.		
May 15.	To Cash transferred to Current Acct., Foreign Mission Fund, according to terms of Gift, June 24, 1895, and in- terest and three sums of \$50 each..	186 00
May 15.	Balance carried down.....	13,362 03
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		\$13,548 03 \$13 548 03

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1902.		
May 15.	By Balance carried down	\$13,362 03

REPORT OF SAME FOR SYRIAN HOSPITAL FUND.

Cr.

1901.		
May 9.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....	\$ 1,477 27
	By Contributions from Congregations, Sabbath Schools, Missionary Socie- ties, for general purposes of Hospital	271 63
	By Contributions from Missionary So- cieties for support of beds....	365 00
	By Individuals for support of beds...	150 00

Dr.

1901.		
Sept. 19.	To Cash paid Bill of P. C. Lorenz, for Surgical Instruments.....	\$ 14 80
Dec. 6.	To Cash paid Brown Bros. Co., demand Sterling Bill, £100.0.0. @ \$4.88.....	488 00
1902.		
May 12.	By Balance carried down.....	1,761 10
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		\$ 2,263 90 \$ 2,263 90

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1902.		
May 12.	By Balance carried down.....	1,761 10

REPORT OF SAME FOR MERSINE HOSPITAL FUND.

Cr.

1901.		
May 9.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....	\$ 283 77
	By Contributions from Individuals for support of beds... ..	60 00
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		\$ 343 77

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1902.		
May 12.	By Balance.....	343 77

REPORT OF SAME FOR CHURCH ERECTION.

Cr.

1902.		
May 9.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....	\$ 1,261 52
	Contributions acknowledged as received and reported in "Christian Nation":	
	From Congregations.....	903 64
	From Sabbath Schools, Missionary Societies.....	48 63
	From Individuals and Bequests.....	56 38
	From Synod Board of Trustees Dividend D. Gregg Estate.....	464 22
	From Synod Board of Trustees Dividend Invested Funds.....	161 50

Dr.

1901.		
June 28.	To appropriation to pay interest debt of East End Cong., Pittsburgh.....	\$ 700 00
	To appropriation to pay interest debt, St. Louis Cong.....	300 00
Oct. 25.	To appropriation to Oakdale Cong....	400 00
1902.		
May 12.	To Balance carried down.....	1,495 89
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		\$ 2,895 89 \$2,895 89

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1902.		
May 12.	By Balance carried down.....	1,495 89

BY REPORT OF SAME FOR LITERARY FUND.

Dr.

1901.		
May 9.	To Balance as reported to Synod.....	\$ 825 00
June 13.	To Cash paid Bill of J. W. Pratt & Co., for Psalters.....	190 00
Aug. 31.	To Cash paid Geo. A. Bell & Son, Premium of Insurance on books, bound and unbound and electro plates.....	25 94

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	By Contributions :	
	From Congregations.....	\$ 49 41
	From Individuals.....	3 02
	From sales of Testimonies and Books of Discipline.....	12 90
	From sales of Psalters, through Dr. Sommerville.....	23 47
	From sale of Minutes of Synod.....	1 20
	From sale of Memorial Volumes.....	3 00
1902.		
May 8.	By Cash from J. S. Tibby, on Account of Debit Balance of this Account....	255 80
May 12.	By Balance carried down.....	693 11
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		\$ 1,041 91 \$ 1,041 91

Dr.

1902.

May 12. To Balance carried down..... \$ 693 11

REPORT OF SYNOD'S FINANCIAL AGENT FOR NATIONAL REFORM.

Receipts.

June 1. Balance.....		\$ 693 34
Collected by H. H. George.....	\$ 1,552 77	
Collected by J. R. Dill.....	765 54	
Collected by J. M. Foster.....	263 00	
Collected by W. H. McMaster.....	338 06	
Collected by J. R. Day.....	349 00	
Collected by T. P. Stevenson.....	212 50	
Collected by A. W. Stevenson.....	182 00	
Collected by R. C. Wylie.....	63 31	
Collected by R. M. Blackwood.....	32 00	
Collected by R. C. Allen.....	15 48	
Collected by E. M. Coleman.....	5 75	
Collected by Wm. McKinney.....	10 83	
Collected by D. C. Martin.....	38 00	
By rent of rooms in office building...	85 00	
By Trustees of Second Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.....	50 00	
By sale of literature.....	2 99	
Sent directly to Treasurer by indi- viduals, congregations and Societies	2,563 72	
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		\$ 7,223 29

Disbursements.

Paid H. H. George salary for ten months (\$1250), and expenses \$446.06, including \$159.69 of the Pittsburgh convention expenses.....	\$ 1,696 08
Paid J. R. Dill, salary and expenses..	955 54
Paid J. M. Foster, salary and ex- penses, including expenses of Bos- ton convention	263 00
Paid W. H. McMaster, salary and expenses.....	478 06
Paid T. P. Stevenson, salary and ex- penses.....	654 85
Paid J. W. Smith, salary and expenses	132 07
Paid D. McAllister, expenses.....	137 00
Paid A. W. Stevenson, salary and ex- penses	202 00
Paid Hugh McCarroll, salary and ex- penses	54 55
Paid D. C. Martin, expenses.....	15 00
Paid R. C. Allen, salary and expenses	35 48
Paid Wm. McKinney, salary and ex- penses.....	31 22
Paid E. M. Coleman, salary and ex- penses.....	40 75
Paid R. M. Blackwood, salary and expenses.....	74 00
Paid J. R. Day, salary and expenses..	75 00
Paid R. C. Wylie, salary and expenses	122 93
Paid Paul Huether & Co., bills of printing.....	155 75

Paid Subscriptions to Christian Statesman by Ex. Com., including 25,000 copies of special edition in connection with Pittsburgh Convention..	716 62	
Paid Murdock, Kerr & Co. bills of printing.....	252 50	
Paid Rent of office for eleven months	177 50	
Paid Rent of telephone.....	9 60	
Paid for fitting up new office.....	78 06	
Paid Miscellaneous bills in connection with Pittsburgh Convention.....	311 55	
Paid Miscellaneous bills in connection with other conventions and meetings	101 06	
	<hr/>	\$6,770 15
Balance May 1, 1902.....		453 14
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		\$ 7,223 29

Respectfully submitted.

R. C. WYLIE, *Financial Agent.*

REPORT OF ANNA N. SPROULL, TREASURER OF THE REFORMED
PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION.

SUMMARY.

INVESTED FUND.

1901.		
Mar. 1.	Loan on Bond and Mortgage.....	\$ 1,400 00
1902.		
Mar. 1.	Loan on Bond and Mortgage.....	\$ 1,400 00

Receipts.

1901.		
Mar. 1.	Balance.....	6,079 63
	Wardrobe Committee Room.....	10 40
	Miss Drydin Investment Fund....	525 00
	Mrs. Nancy Gregory.....	468 12
	Mrs. Rebecca Cameron.....	57
	Congregational Collections	264 33
	Mrs. Dougherty Property Account...	15 00
	Managers Contingent Fund.....	32 65
	Jersey Cow Fund.....	3 00
	Interest on Mortgage	64 00
	Interest on Deposits.....	211 30
	Mortgage Fund.....	5 00
	Membership Dues.....	199 00
	Building Fund.....	192 00
	Donations	477 12
	Admission Fees.....	400 00
	Boarding.....	15 26
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		2,908 75
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		\$ 8,988 38

Disbursements.

Attorney Fees.....	\$ 4 50
Boggs and Bubl.....	1 83
Heat and Light.....	106 05
House Allowance.....	120 00
Drugs	35 50
Dimling Bros.....	2 25
Milk.....	76 45

Butter	78 29	
Groceries.....	188 15	
Meat.....	61 86	
Chairs.....	14 00	
Nurse.....	27 50	
Doctor.....	8 00	
S. G. Hervey & Co.....	2 50	
Salary of Matron.....	208 00	
Salary of Helper.....	144 00	
Plumbing.....	10 20	
R. W. Cartwright.....	3 85	
Paper Hanging and Calsomining.....	16 17	
Telephone Rent.....	16 00	
Stationery and Postage.....	7 95	
Centograph	3 75	
Printing Annual Report.....	54 50	
Hauling.....	2 70	
Carriage Hire.....	2 00	
Mr. Kilpatrick.....	5 00	
Cleaning Carpets.....	5 88	
House Furnishing.....	43 85	
Mrs. Gregory Property %.....	326 65	
Mrs. Rebecca Cameron Interest.....	15 97	
Miss Isaac Interest.....	24 20	
Henry Smythe Interest.....	1 60	
Miss Drydin Interest.....	17 50	
Managers Contingent Fund.	32 84	
J. T. Morton, Treasurer, Interest.....	210 00	
Account payable March 1, 1902.....	42 00	
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		\$ 7,066 89
Bond and Mortgage.....		1,400 00
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		\$ 8,466 89

REPORT OF JAMES S. TIBBY, TREASURER LITERARY FUND.

Receipts.

Contributions from Congregations....	\$284 13
Contributions from Individuals.....	6 16
Sale of Testimonies and Books of Discipline..	14 90
Sale of Psalters.....	266 95
Sale of Selections of Psalms.....	57 46
Sale of Minutes of Synod.....	161 81
Sale of Memorial Volumes and Miscellaneous...	7 28
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	798 69

Expenditures.

Rent of Safe Deposit Box in Allegheny, 1901....	5 00
Printing Minutes of 1901 Synod.....	240 58
Printing Selection of Psalms	140 00
Printing Program of Synod's business 1901.....	1 75
Binding Testimonies J. W. Pratt & Co.....	46 80
Postage and Expressage on Books.....	19 03
Apportionment, Presbyterian Alliance 1901	60 00
Apportionment, Joint Committee, Revision of Psalms 1901.....	15 00
Advertisements in Olive Trees and Standard....	5 00
W. T. Miller, Ex-Treasurer, old account.....	255 80
Balance on hand.....	9 73
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	\$798 69

To the Moderator and Members of Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: The debt of the Literary Fund as reported at last Synod was \$825.97. This was increased during the year by some expenditure for the publication of Psalters to \$957.91. I paid on this debt \$255.80, leaving a balance due the former Treasurer, Mr. Walter T. Miller, \$702.11. In justice to Mr. Miller, I would recommend that he be paid interest for amount due him till same be paid.

I acknowledge receipt of literature from Prof. D. B. Wilson, Revs Coleman, Foster, Sommerville and Shaw, and Mr. Walter T. Miller. The plates of the Psalters and Testimony, valued in all at \$1930.00, have been placed, as heretofore, in the New York vaults, and insurance paid on the same.

The Clerk cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for D. Chesnut, A. B. Copeland and A. C. Coulter, to serve as members of Synod's Board of Trustees for three years, ending June 15, 1905.

The following resolution was adopted:

That the Committee on Evangelistic Work be directed to arrange for a conference at the coming meeting of Synod on the following topic: Bible Study; Its Methods and Results.

Recess was taken till half-past one, with prayer by W. T. Anderson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by James Graham.

D. B. Willson led the devotional exercises.

Roll call was omitted. The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Temperance reported on recommitted report. Adopted and is as follows:

Temperance.

"Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound; they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance, in thy name shall they rejoice all the day and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted." Ps. 89: 15, 16.

In the Lord's name we have set up our banner, and in His righteousness we have triumphed. The action of this Synod on the temperance question in 1841 was as follows:

"Whereas the traffic in ardent spirits for luxurious purposes and as a beverage has been a fruitful source of scandal and crime; therefore, Resolved:

1. That the members of this church be, and hereby are, prohibited from engaging in this traffic.

2. That wherever there are individuals employed in this traffic, sessions are hereby directed to deal with them in such a way that this evil may be removed from the church in the best and speediest manner."

In 1853 the Synod declared that this action of 1841 "should be carried out in civil legislation, so as to prohibit and wholly prevent the traffic in intoxicating drinks as beverages; that civil government is intended, among other things, to protect the people against the venders of ardent spirits, which can only be done by utterly prohibiting the traffic."

Our church was the first, by many years, to take such a radical position on the temperance question. The whole Church of Christ has made decided progress since that time. It is impossible for the cause of Christ to go backward or to stand still. Therefore we rejoice to report progress in this great cause of temperance. We are sensible of the tremendous power exerted by the liquor forces and of the boasts that are made that the temperance cause is going backward. Money is used, almost without limit, to bribe and to degrade men so that power may be kept in the hands of the rum element. Unprincipled and unscrupulous men are ready to be bought and to be used as tools for defeating righteous legislation, looking to the overthrow of this power. Because there is money in it men will trample into the dust all the rights and interests of others, and thus wickedness seems to triumph for the time. The home is invaded and its happiness destroyed, that victims may be secured for this monster.

Club life is a means of leading young men to drink and to live a fast life. Drink and the dance usually go together. Treating in business life is another great source of evil.

The liquor power knows the certainty of defeat when the fight is in the open, hence it resorts to intrigue, deception and intimidation in putting forward its measures. Nevertheless we are not discouraged; the cause of temperance is stronger than it was one year ago.

Governor Odell, N. Y., rightly decides that the people of the State of New York do not want the saloons open on the Sabbath. The Burlington railway recently adopted the following rule. "The use of intoxicants by employees while on duty is prohibited. Their habitual use or the frequenting of places where they are sold is sufficient cause for dismissal."

The Chicago and Alton, Santa Fe and other great railway systems have taken similar action.

The Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific railways have recently prohibited the use of tobacco by their employees while on duty.

At the last session of the Kansas legislature four bills were passed providing for the more rigid enforcement of the constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicants.

The passage of the Gillette-Lodge bill by Congress, prohibiting the sale of American liquors to savage tribes on the Pacific Islands, was a great victory for temperance and righteousness.

Congress has not dared to repeal the anti-canteen law in the face of a righteous public sentiment. A great temperance pledge-signing campaign for a million new signatures to the total absti-

nence pledge has just been brought to a successful close in England. With these and many other favorable indications, let us take heart and press on to final victory.

We recommend :

1. That the children of the church be taught true temperance in the home and in the Sabbath School.
2. That we encourage temperance instruction in the public schools.
3. We pledge our support to all true temperance work.
4. We reaffirm former deliverances of Synod against the use or sale of tobacco, and that sessions, in the case of applicants for membership, who may be addicted to the use of tobacco, shall earnestly counsel and urge them to cease from this sinful indulgence, as a duty they owe to Christ, to the church, to themselves and to the world.
5. We renew our protest against our government protecting this evil of intemperance by law and receiving revenue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. WALLACE,
B. M. SHARP,
GEO. KENNEDY,
J. M. ADAMS,
Committee.

The Committee on Discipline reported finally. Adopted and is as follows :

Final Report of Committee on Discipline.

Your Committee desire to recommend :

1. In answer to the enquiry of Kansas presbytery. Paper No. 23, we believe from the statements put before us, that Elmer McBurney has sundered his relations with the church, has gone beyond the reach of the censures of the presbytery, and hence that there remains nothing for the presbytery to do but to drop his name from the roll.

2. Replying to the question from the Philadelphia presbytery, Missionary Greenburg has been laboring faithfully for a series of years in his mission field with good success. The committee in charge are convinced that his usefulness in the field will be enlarged by his being clothed with the office of the ministry. In view of these facts, and in accordance with former precedents of the church, we recommend that the presbytery be directed to ordain him.

3. The reference from Rochester presbytery asks if a congregation where there remains only one elder has been disorganized.

Reply.—The relation of that elder to the congregation has not been dissolved. He, being alone, cannot administer discipline or discharge other authoritative duties in the congregation. There is not, in the presbyterial sense, a session.

Two courses are open to the presbytery. 1. To resuscitate the session, by taking the orderly steps by which there will be a plurality of elders in the congregation, or

2. To declare the congregation disorganized, in which case they would enroll it as a Mission Station.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. ROBB,
G. A. EDGAR,
J. C. McFEETERS,
DAVID LOGAN,
J. R. STEELE.

It was the understanding that Sterling remains a congregation.

Reasons of Dissent of N. R. Johnston and others were received and are as follows :

Reasons of Dissent.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church and the Lord of Missions, and in the behalf of all who voted with the large minority, I hereby enter my dissent from the action of Synod in adopting the recommendation of the Central Board that the Oakland Chinese Mission be closed or abandoned, and the surplus funds (several hundreds of dollars) transferred to other purposes ; and we do so for the following reasons :

First. In the autumn of 1875 the mission was first opened ; and, after a year or two of earnest labor among the Chinese, so many were brought to the Saviour and admitted to Christian baptism, that it was found practicable to organize a Chinese Congregation. This was done, and two elders and one deacon were elected. After a few years the Congregation was disorganized because of the departure of both elders, one by death. During all these years of hard and patient labors until now, there have been about seventy or eighty brought to Christ and baptized unto Him. To abandon the mission after such a good work has been performed, and so many idolators saved through the instrumentality of the Gospel preached by many of the servants of Christ, cannot be in accordance with the mind of Him who said : "Go, teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and Lo ! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world " (Ages R. V.).

Second. To abandon any mission only for want of a superintendent, and when the funds are abundant and superintendents available, is a violation of our plighted faith in the Church and in her living Head and Lord. If the recommendation of the Central Board be carried into effect, it will be the first case of the kind in the history of our church in America. Such lack of faith is without a parallel in this country.

Third. The action of Synod is all the more aggravated because assurance had been given that a well-qualified and faithful Chinese Covenanter, now in the Oakland Mission, could act as superinten-

dent until the appointment of another, better qualified, could be obtained. Besides, from aught that appeared on the floor of Synod, there is no evidence whatever that the Board made any effort to procure a successor to the last superintendent.

Fourth. If the Oakland Chinese Mission be abandoned now, it will so discourage the Christians belonging to it that they will not know what to do. It will be exposing them to the wolves when no shepherd is there to defend or lead or feed them. What will the Good Shepherd say to the Synod and the Board that have voted to leave the sheep and the lambs of that beautiful flock to the devouring wolves, ready to make a prey of those loving disciples of Jesus? And what will the other Chinese missions and missionaries in Oakland say when they hear that the long-continued work by the Reformed Presbyterian Church and Synod has been permitted to cease for want of a superintendent, when they know very well that our Covenanter mission then was, and yet is, the best and the most successful of all the six Chinese missions in Oakland?

Fifth, and finally. From the action of this Synod we appeal to the many friends of the Chinese Mission, as well as of all the other home missions; and we are sure that the whole church will come to the rescue and ask, if not demand, that the Central Board shall appoint a missionary to the Oakland mission as soon as a well-qualified missionary can be obtained and sent to the now abandoned field.

Signed by

N. R. JOHNSTON,
 J. L. MCCARTNEY,
 ROBERT MCAFEE,
 THOS. J. CROZIER,
 H. G. FOSTER,
 R. D. SCOTT,
 LOUIS MEYER,
 W. P. JOHNSTON,
 JOHN W. PRITCHARD,
 C. L. YOUNG,
 JAMES GRAHAM,
 JOHN K. ROBB,
 T. A. McELWAIN,
 ROBERT SPEER,
 E. McLEAN COLEMAN,
 M. A. GAULT,
 S. A. S. METHENY,
 J. C. McFEETERS.

The hearing of the Moderator's sermon next year was made the order of the day at the opening of Synod.

The Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection reported. Adopted and is as follows:

Sustentation and Church Erection.

Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection respectfully report:

Two reports have been placed in our hands, one from the Board of Sustentation and the other from the Board of Church Erection. We rejoice in the progress of these departments of the church's work. We would present the following recommendations:

1st. That these reports be published with the Minutes of Synod.

2nd. That Robert McAfee and Walter T. Miller, whose time as members of the Board of Church Erection has expired, be elected as their own successors.

3rd. That, as pastors and elders, we take every occasion to increase the liberality of our people to these schemes.

4th. That we approve of the action of the Board of Church Erection, which is as follows: "To guard against unjustifiable and burdensome debts, congregations which expect to apply to the Board of Church Erection shall, as a preliminary qualification to draw from Church Erection Funds, submit to said Board detailed information concerning the cost of building, together with statement of amount of money the congregation expects to raise, and receive the judgment of the Board on the proposed undertaking."

S. J. JOHNSTON,
R. H. MARTIN,
J. C. TAYLOR,
A. A. DICKEY,
JOHN EWING,

Committee.

Sustentation.

The Board of Sustentation would respectfully report that the congregations applying for aid to this Board are as follows: Almonte, Barnet, Beulah, Cedarville, Eskridge, Jonathan's Creek, Slippery Rock, Superior, Syracuse, West Hebron and White Lake. Lochiel was added to this number as worthy of the supplement for half the year, making twelve congregations in all. Last year there were ten. Of these, two, Sterling, Kan., and Vernon, have dropped out of the list, and Almonte, Beulah, Eskridge and Superior have been added.

The amount asked for by these congregations is three thousand, seven hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$3,785). The amount in the treasury is three thousand, five hundred eighty-five dollars and fifty-one cents (\$3,585.51).

The very generous but unknown friend of this fund, who turns annually to Prov. 3: 9 for his inspiration, contributed fifteen hundred (\$1500) dollars of this amount. The congregations have contributed more than before to this fund, so that, although the number of congregations applying has increased, the Board is able to pay 94 per cent. of the deficit, leaving in the treasury a balance of \$27.61.

The following statement gives the basis of the distribution and the amounts to each congregation.

CONGREGATIONS.	No. Members.	Salary Paid by Congregation.	Am't Paid per Member.	Deficit.	Supplement by Board.
Almonte.....	58	\$500 00	\$8 62	\$500 00	\$470 00
Barnet.....	54	a450 00	8 33	254 00	238 76
Beulah.....	95	625 00	c8 56	175 00	164 50
Cedarville.....	49	600 00	12 24	200 00	188 00
Eskridge.....	77	600 00	7 79	200 00	188 00
Jonathan's Creek..	42	500 00	11 90	300 00	282 00
Lochiel.....	32	b225 00	13 28	b175 00	164 50
Slippery Rock.....	61	550 00	9 02	250 00	235 00
Superior.....	46	427 00	9 28	373 00	350 62
Syracuse.....	74	592 00	8 00	608 00	571 52
West Hebron.....	33	350 00	10 60	450 00	423 00
White Lake.....	51	500 00	9 80	300 00	282 00
				\$3,785 00	\$3,557 90

a Received \$96.00 for preaching at Ryegate.
c Passed as an exception for one year.

b For half year.

The Board believes this to be one of the best ways of helping weak and deserving congregations, and that, if those who wish to aid the church where aid is needed would give increased attention to this fund, settled congregations would turn more and more to it and so relieve the Home Mission treasury.

We ask for an appropriation of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars.

J. W. SPROULL, *Chairman.*

W. J. COLEMAN, *Cor. Secretary.*

Church Erection.

The Board of Church Erection has sought during the past year to fulfil the duties and responsibilities with which it is charged. The usual number of meetings have been held, and applications for aid have been carefully considered.

NEW CHURCHES.

Hopkinton. Worthy of honorable mention is the Hopkinton congregation. Led by their earnest pastor, the Rev. Louis Meyer, that spirited people projected and carried to completion a new and beautiful church, at a cost of more than nine thousand dollars. Although numbering but 123 members, the work was done without asking or receiving aid from Church Erection funds, or from other congregations. They were able, and they built the house of God.

Oakdale. For years this congregation was in need of a new building. The old one finally becoming unsafe, they were zealously led by their pastor, the Rev. J. C. French, in demolishing the old, and in erecting a new and handsome structure. The church is 68 x 68 over all, and includes an auditorium 45 x 50, a Sabbath School room 20 x 40, connecting with auditorium by roller partitions, and other smaller rooms. The church has slanting floor and circular pews. All the old material, fit for use, was put into the new structure. The cost of the building, including all furnishings, but exclusive of old material and labor done by the congregation, was \$4,268.

The Oakdale people have felt the effects of short crops, and, earnest as they were and try as they would, they could not raise quite sufficient money to cover cost and dedicate their church free of debt. Your Board appropriated \$400 to this congregation.

East End. This congregation has, for eleven years, been burdened with debt. Through the earnest efforts of the congregation, and the large generosity of the present pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Martin, this debt has been greatly reduced. Last year another great effort was made to further reduce the debt. Dr. and Mrs. Martin made another generous contribution of \$2,000, and the congregation added \$500 to it, all to be applied on the debt. And they joined in a request, which was referred by Synod to your Board, that the Board of Church Erection should pay on accumulated interest \$700, and the congregation \$100, the balance due.

The matter was considered, and the \$700 was forwarded to said congregation for the purpose named.

The debt on East End Church about eleven years ago was \$16,700. It is now but \$4,000, a reduction of \$12,700, and nearly all in the years of the present pastorate.

St. Louis. Seven or eight years ago, St. Louis congregation built a new church, and, as is too often the case, put themselves in debt. They have, in another part of town, an unoccupied lot, supposed to be worth from three to five thousand dollars. This lot is mortgaged for \$2,000. During the year prior to the present pastorate, the congregation had been running behind financially, and finally a mortgage of \$3000 was put on the church. The property of the St. Louis congregation is therefore mortgaged for \$5000, at 6 per cent. per annum. Should they be able to dispose of the lot, which they are hoping to do, the debt would be greatly reduced, if not cancelled. In the meantime, the interest on these mortgages had to be met. The energetic pastor, the Rev. M. M. Pearce, sought to rally the people to carry this burden; but they felt their inability to do this alone. The congregation made application to your Board for help. An appropriation of \$300 was made.

There was some difference of opinion as to advisability of granting aid; and it was given on the understanding that, should

the lot be sold at a price above the two mortgages and to justify the return of the money to Church Erection Treasury, this will be done.

Denver. This congregation has been struggling under a debt of \$2000. During the past year, they made application to your Board, and the application was endorsed by Colorado Presbytery, for \$1000, to be applied on the debt. At last meeting of the Board, the needs of Denver, the struggle which their self-sacrificing pastor, Rev. T. H. Acheson, is making, and the efforts of the people, were considered.

An appropriation of \$500 was made to Denver. This reduces their debt to \$1500, and will afford encouragement in their long effort to be free from church debt.

Mercer. An application from Mercer for \$700, and endorsed by Pittsburgh Presbytery, is awaiting action.

Billings. This flourishing little congregation in Oklahoma has made application for \$600, to aid them in erecting a church. Their application was endorsed by Kansas Presbytery. This also awaits action.

Chicago is making inquiry, and they are hoping to begin the erection of a church in the near future.

Also, there has been inquiry concerning Walton, Kansas, and the possibility of buying a church there.

Lochiel was expecting to rebuild their church, and they were taking steps to ask help from the Board, when God called their beloved pastor to his reward.

Synod will observe that this Board is limited in its work by limited resources. A much wider work could be done if more money was at the Board's disposal.

The Report of Treasurer Walter T. Miller gives the following summary:

Balance May 9, 1901.....	\$1,261 52
Received from all sources.....	1,634 37
Total.....	<hr/> \$2,895 89

Disbursements.

June 27, 1901., to East End Cong....	\$700 00
June 27, 1901, to St. Louis Cong.....	300 00
Oct. 25, 1901, to Oakdale Cong.....	400 00
May 13, 1902 (not in Treasurer's report this year) to Denver.....	500 00
Total	<hr/> \$1,900 00
Balance now in treasury.....	<hr/> \$995 89

This is all the money at the Board's disposal for applications aggregating \$1300, and for others for which steps are being taken.

The Board asks an appropriation of \$4000 for this work during the coming year, and expresses the hope that the full amount will be raised.

The time for which Robert McAfee, and the Treasurer, Walter T. Miller, were elected has expired, and their places should be filled.

The Board asks Synod to pass upon the following :

To guard against unjustifiable and burdensome debts, congregations which expect to apply to Board of Church Election shall, as a preliminary qualification to draw from Church Election Funds, submit to said Board detailed information concerning the cost of building, together with statement of amount of money the congregation expects to raise ; and receive the judgment of the Board on the proposed undertaking.

The Secretary was appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

ROBERT MCAFEE, *President*.
F. M. FOSTER, *Secretary*.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Synod expressed by a rising vote be and hereby are tendered to the pastor and people of the Syracuse Congregation for the kind and hospitable entertainment accorded us during the sessions of this Synod, and to all who have opened their houses for our comfort, to the railroads for the concessions they have given, and to the reporters and press for the reports they have given of our proceedings.

The Moderator and Clerk were authorized to certify as additional delegates to the Convention in Belfast all worthy persons who may be able to attend.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported. Adopted and is as follows :

Foreign Correspondence.

Your Committee would report that one letter from our brethren of the Church of Ireland has been placed in our hands, to which we hereby submit the reply.

We have also been ordered to write a fraternal letter of greeting to the brethren of the Church in Scotland, which letter we also submit for the approval and adoption of Synod.

LOUIS MEYER,
ISAIAH FARIS,
J. M. JOHNSTON,
D. EDGAR,
JOHN A. DODDS.

LETTER FROM THE SYNOD OF IRELAND.

BELFAST, MAY 31, 1901.

To the Reformed Presbyterian Synod in America :

DEAR BRETHREN :— Another year has gone since we last wrote you ; another century has come to its close, and now, as our Synod assembles in session, in the name and by the authority of our common Head and Lord, our thoughts turn to you and we write to again assure you of our unabated interest in all that pertains to your well being. It is our united and sincere desire that your testimony on behalf of the Headship of Christ over all churches and nations may be faithfully exhibited throughout your native land, and that you may be long distinguished by the application of those principles to the practice of individual members of your church in all the relationships of life. May the comfort of the promise, “ Be thou faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life,” cheer and sustain you in your struggles, and may the victor’s reward be your portion.

Of our work here we may say that is carried on with unabated activity. It is true we do not engage ourselves in seeking to attain visionary ends. We humbly desire to do the duty God brings to our hands in dependence on His help, and, after carefully and prayerfully considering the Divine promise and the prospects of success, and we have ample reason to say our labors have not been in vain in the Lord. Our missions in Antioch and Australia have been well supported, as is also our mission to the Roman Catholics of our native land. And, whilst we are engaged at present in making inquiry regarding a suitable field for mission work amongst a heathen people, God is opening up doors for us, and inviting us to enter in at home. Our members have many opportunities to manifest their zeal for God and devotion to their church. The old buildings in which our fathers worshipped are fast disappearing, and necessary and suitable edifices for the worship of God are taking their place ; and many self-denying efforts are being made by congregations to secure residences for their ministers, and all the while the glorious Gospel of the grace of God is preached to faithful Covenanters, by men who never cater for the crowd, which more and more manifests its repugnance at the hearing of sound doctrine.

Our ministerial ranks are unbroken by death, and have been strengthened by the addition of one licentiate during the year. Our congregations which are without pastors are putting forth efforts to have their wants supplied ; and as we see so many signal evidences of the good hand of our God upon us we feel constrained to say “ Bless the Lord our souls and be not forgetful of all his benefits.”

We regret to say that the Rev. A. M. Thompson, A. M., whom you sent to us, has been compelled, on account of the illness of his wife, to return to his native land. we indulge the hope that Mrs. Thompson’s health may be soon restored.

We have welcomed to our midst one of our missionaries, Rev.

S. H. Kennedy, A. B., who, with his wife, purpose visiting you also. Rev. Dr. Martin remains in the field. We have had very favorable reports of our mission in Australia.

To the great, and solemn, and awful work of Covenant renovation our Synod has now set its face steadfastly, and has selected Ballymoney as the place where, God willing, we shall meet, on the 2nd and 3rd days of July, of this year, in the name and by the authority of our Head and Kíng, to unitedly confess our sins and lift up our hands unto the Lord. We desire your prayers that we may be made willing to vow, and able to pay our vows unto the living God. And now brethren, for the present, we say to you farewell. "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Signed on behalf of Synod. A. S. LYONS, *Moderator*.
J. D. HOUSTON, *Clerk*.

LETTER TO THE SYNOD OF IRELAND.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., June 3, 1902.

DEAR BRETHREN : — We acknowledge the receipt of your letter of last year and return our friendly greetings. We are glad to have learned from later sources of information that you have carried out your purpose to renew your Covenants, and pray that you may have grace to pay your vows. It is also a pleasure to us to have learned that you have added to your teaching force in the school of the prophets one who gained his first experience in ministerial work among ourselves. It is with regret that we learn that Professor Dick has been partially laid aside from labor; our prayer is that he may soon be restored to his full vigor. Our churches here were glad to make the acquaintance of your representative in the Foreign Mission field, Rev. Kennedy.

As for ourselves, we lament the death of our beloved brother, the Rev. Charles Clyde. But we are thankful to record another year of successful work along the whole line. Our institutions of learning, classical and theological, have been prospered. Our work of National Reform and Testimony Bearing has been prosecuted with unabated zeal and with results that encourage us to still greater earnestness, being emphasized, as they are, by providential events expressing the Divine displeasure at our national sins. Although we see no evidence of national repentance we do find a willingness to listen to the message that we bear.

Our mission work in Syria and China, and in our own country among the freedmen, the Jews, and the native Indians is, on the whole, prosperous. For details in all these lines of work we refer you to the published news with which you are as familiar as ourselves.

In conclusion, we commend to you, what we desire also to take to ourselves, the inspired exhortation, "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Signed on behalf of Synod, _____ *Moderator.*
 _____ *Clerk.*

LETTER TO THE SYNOD OF SCOTLAND.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Once more we are met together in Synod, and our hearts go out to you who are still upholding the blue banner in the country where our fathers unfurled it centuries ago. Our prayer for you is that “grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,” and we congratulate you upon the measure of prosperity which, according to your church papers, prevails among you.

We are indeed glad to know that the consistent testimony of the Church of Jesus Christ is beginning to bear fruit and we rejoice to hear, and hope that it is true, that your king has placed the ban of his disapproval upon so-called Sunday entertainments of every sort.

Our Synod finds the work of our beloved Zion in prosperity and progress. The work of National Reform is beginning to show abundant fruit after many years of consistent and arduous labor, while the work of Testimony Bearing finds the open door provided by God’s grace. A conference on Testimony Bearing and on the principles of “Political Dissent” was held during the past winter in Allegheny, Pa., where our members are quite strong, and the influence which it exerted was very great. Our ministers continue steadfast in the propagation of the divine principles which God entrusted to our care and keeping, and our congregations are generally prosperous. One of our ministers, the Rev. Charles Clyde, was called home by his Master, Dec. 7, 1901.

Our missions at home and abroad give abundant proof of the Saviour’s guidance and blessing. The mission to the Indians in Oklahoma has been greatly strengthened, and the mission to the freedmen in Alabama reports great progress. The mission to the Jews in Philadelphia is continuing its blessed work under the care of its consecrated missionaries, while our mission to the Chinese in California is languishing on account of lack of a missionary worker.

Our missions in Syria, though meeting with many difficulties, are reaching again the people among whom the apostles preached the Gospel.

Our mission in Cyprus is at present without a ministerial missionary, since Rev. Easson was obliged by ill health to return home, but Dr. Moore continues faithfully to look after the needs of those who are sick in body and in soul.

Our devoted missionaries to China, Rev. and Mrs. A. I. Robb, have returned to the work they were obliged to leave for a time. They were accompanied on their return by Miss Maude George, M. D., and Miss Jennie Torrence, and will soon be followed by Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Robb and baby, and Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Wright. Thus we are enabled to occupy the land, whose doors the Lord has opened in such wonderful manner, and our faith has been strengthened by the baptism of the first native convert in China.

But while our missionary work is prospered, we meet many difficulties. We need more laborers. The young men of the church find a sphere of activity in the business of life. Few seek the ministry; fewer, heathen lands. The money given is not as plentiful as the work demands it and is sometimes regarded as a taxation, not as a privilege. Yet, in spite of these difficulties, the signs are rapidly increasing that the nations shall hear the "good tidings." God's purpose to crown missionary labor with His benediction appears more clearly as the years roll on.

There are stirring scenes before us. Revolutions are ripening! But the cloud is lifting, and what a vision opens! The work of the men of God, speaking His Word, thrives. God smiles upon it, and the day of ultimate triumph approaches. The "Gospel shall be preached to every creature," and the smile of Jehovah shall be its passport to the heart, and its earnest of glorious victory.

And as we look into the glorious future, we take courage, and we bless God that unto you and us He has assigned a work in His vineyard.

May He give strength and grace to you and us to discharge our duties faithfully!

Yours in Covenant bonds,

——— *Moderator.*

——— *Clerk.*

The report of the Committee on the Sabbath was taken from the table and adopted, and is as follows:

Sabbath.

"The Son of man is Lord of the Sabbath," and has emphasized the duty of its observance.

This law is adapted to the wants of men. All men need a Sabbath, and receive a blessing in its observance. Every man has an inalienable right to the rest of the Sabbath, and no man or corporation of men has a right to take it away. In so doing the hand is laid upon the life of the one who is robbed. It shortens the days, weakens the mental energies, demoralizes the moral nature, and deadens the spiritual life.

The chief blessing of the Sabbath is to the soul. In ceasing toil and shutting out the world from our hearts, we have the negative side of Sabbath observance. There is a positive line of duty. There are holy activities to which the Sabbath calls us. On that day God is specially near to His people. The Holy Spirit is specially active in revealing truth and duty, the ordinances of grace convey richer supplies of divine fullness than on other days. Hence the value of the Sabbath in its outward observance is measured by man's life; in its spiritual observance, by man's soul. It stands as the key stone of the arch of human obligations. Observed, it is the guarantee of virtue; profaned, it is the inspiration of vice.

We lament the rapid increase of Sabbath desecration throughout our land at the present time. In this day of trans-oceanic cables, and wireless telegraphy, and swift ships, continents are coming so near each other that we are catching the infected moral atmosphere of Europe. Without any constitutional safeguards for religion and the Sabbath, we are at the mercy of those ungodly influences that reach us through European emigration and commerce.

The recent Pan American Exposition at Buffalo has followed in the footsteps of the World's Fair in Chicago, in the disregard shown to the Sabbath and the Christian sentiment of the country.

Among the great exhibits of western progress and civilization, the Christian Sabbath, so essential to true progress, had no place. The love of money was the root of this evil, but God withheld his blessing and the fair closed three million dollars behind. The very element pandered to in this insult directed against the God of the Sabbath was employed by God to scourge the nation.

On September 6th, 1901, a beloved President was shot down by one of a class, in whose interests the Christian sentiment of this nation was insulted at Buffalo. May we not tremble for our country when we remember that the God of the Sabbath is just and will avenge the desecration of His holy day. Whence come the frequent and terrible visitations of judgment upon our land? The dark catalogue of crimes and disasters, chronicled in our daily papers? If we believe that God is just and Sabbath observance remains a duty, what better could we expect from the hand of Providence? Is not the time drawing near when this nation must disavow all claims to Christianity as a potent factor in her common law, and take her rank on all moral issues with the semi-barbarous nations, or else let the hand of justice fall heavily upon the grievous sin of Sabbath-breaking. The crisis is approaching. Enemies are more aggressive and active, friends more determined and united. The Sabbath is the object of Satan's deadly enmity, hence his agencies are all arraigned against it. Pleasure stands an enemy of the Sabbath. By the multitude of her unhallowed attractions, museums, theatres, excursions by land and water and unsacred concerts, she is robbing the day of its sacredness, changing it from a blessing into a curse. Avarice and greed are enemies, seeking to make the Lord's day tributary to man's lust for gain. The United States Government, that professedly stands guard over the morals and sacred rights of the people, leads this unholy caravan of Sabbath desecration. The day is profaned by sessions of Congress, military and naval departments, unnecessary transmission of mails, and the operation of public works. The educating power of national law and example against the Sabbath has been a fountain of influence, from which corrupting streams have carried their poisonous influence into every part of society, infecting railroads and manufacturing, and other corporations, until millions of laboring men in the United States are robbed in whole or in part of the blessings of the Sabbath. The diminished vigor that is born of Sabbath toil presents a weak defense

against any vice which temptation presents. Hence Sabbath-breaking is a soil in which all other vices find their most congenial conditions of soil and fruitage. The most efficient tool in the Devil's hand, and the one most alarmingly effective in profaning the Lord's day, is the secular newspaper, so distressingly secular that it is unfit to be read any day of the week, sold and read on the Sabbath.

This is one of the most aggressive steps the Devil has ever taken against morality and religion. It is an invention by which the world of pleasure, sensation and crime is carried to the doors, into the homes, and thrust into the hands of those who would scorn to participate in Sabbath desecration. Yet with all forms of evil, presented to the heated imagination through the pages of the Sunday paper, the Sabbath is not only profaned, but other vices follow in its train. What is the attitude of the church against all this flood of iniquity? How weak is the protest! The conduct of professed Christians is often that of encouragement, rather than rebuke to this evil. Would to God all those who trample upon the Sabbath day for pleasure or profit were professedly of the world! Necessity and mercy are wise limitations to the fourth commandment, but, when the Devil interprets them, we find them so elastic as to cover the whole catalogue of Sabbath desecration; Little children must have milk, and therefore all who sell milk may turn the Sabbath into a day of merchandise and be guiltless. In like manner, mercy or necessity may spread her mantle over the excursion, the concert, the Sunday paper, and all manner of exercise conducted for pleasure or gain.

We recommend the following resolutions:

1st. That every duty enjoined in the former resolutions of this Synod, relating to Sabbath observance, be urged upon the attention of all.

2nd. That members of the church be required to abstain from selling or delivering or receiving milk on the Sabbath day, or from holding stock in Sabbath-breaking creameries and other Sabbath-breaking corporations; that members of the church be required to abstain from working in any mill or factory or any other unnecessary labor on the Sabbath day; and that Sessions be required to proceed with the enforcement of proper discipline upon those who are guilty of so doing; and that Presbyteries are enjoined to see that Sessions are faithful in the discharge of this duty.

That we commend the work of "The American Sabbath Union" to the consideration of the membership of the church in their efforts to secure Sabbath observance.

Signed by every member of the Committee.

R. J. GAULT,
D. J. SHAW,
JAMES MCCUNE,
JAMES GRAY,
J. C. THOMPSON,
Committee.

The Committee on the death of Rev. Charles Clyde reported. Adopted and is as follows :

Rev. Charles Clyde,

The Rev. Charles Clyde was born in Ireland in the year 1856, and came with his parents to America in 1865, being then nine years of age. They settled in or near Philadelphia, Pa., in whose schools he received his education. He studied theology under the Rev. David Steele, who withdrew from the communion of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in 1841, and who, with a few others, constituted in Allegheny City, what has been known as the Reformed Presbytery. He was ordained by this Presbytery to the gospel ministry, *sine titulo*, in 1884; and for a number of years he visited different parts of the country, traveling as far as Almonte, Ontario, Canada, administering the ordinances to those who adhered to the teachings of the Reformed Presbytery. He visited Southern Illinois in 1884; preached, and administered the communion to a small congregation there.

It was on this occasion that the writer of this report formed an acquaintance, and an intimate friendship and fellowship with him, which continued until, as a good and faithful soldier of Jesus Christ, he ungirded his dust-covered armour on the bank of the River of Life, and exchanged his weapons of conflict for the laurel palm and the victor's crown, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." "And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

After itinerating for a number of years, he received a call from a small congregation in the neighborhood of Northwood, Ohio, and was installed about the year 1887. Here he exercised his ministerial gifts with much acceptance to his people until he acceded to the communion of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and was received by Lakes Presbytery, meeting in Belle Centre, Ohio, April 11, 1894.

He traveled extensively. For three years he supplied in the vacancies of the church. On one occasion he was sent by the Domestic Mission Board to labor for a number of months in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Having received two calls, one from Jonathan's Creek, in the Ohio Presbytery, the other from Lochiel, Ontario, Canada, he accepted the latter and was installed in that charge by a commission of Rochester Presbytery, July 8, 1897; and here, in this little charge he served his Divine Master faithfully and well until in the evening of Dec. 7, 1901, he received his final discharge and obeyed the call, "My son, you are tired, come home and rest." His absence from this meeting of Synod speaks to us and to the church in the voice of silence; and if that voice could only speak, it would be something like this, "And now I know that ye all among whom I have gone preaching the Kingdom of God shall see my face no more." Charles Clyde was not only a good man, but he was a "man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost." He made

diligent, careful and prayerful preparation for his pulpit ministrations, and when there, he gave the trumpet no uncertain sound.

He preached the doctrines of grace with a heart touched with the love of God, and with a clearness, unction and power that commanded attention. He was a moral hero in the cause of truth and righteousness. One who did not "count his life dear unto himself, so that he might finish his course with joy, and the ministry which he had received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the Gospel of the grace of God." He in truth could say, "I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." And yet, with all this, he was as humble and gentle as a child. A very companionable "brother in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ." A loving husband, a kind father, a good preacher and pastor, a judicious presbyter. And if poor in this world's goods, he could say with Peter and John, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee." He bequeathed to his children and to the church the precious inheritance of "a good name." "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance." In that bereaved home, in that little congregation of Lochiel, and in that entire community, "his name is as ointment poured forth." And "his praise is in the churches." This is evidenced by that noble response on the part of the church to provide a home for the widow and her large family of fatherless children. And that home will stand, not only as a tribute of respect to the living, but also as a memorial of the dead. And we can assure the donors that their gifts have not been bestowed upon an unworthy object, but one which will meet the approval of the church's Divine Head and Lord, and is in line with "pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father." And it will be received with the lasting gratitude of that sorrow stricken family, whom we commend to the keeping of Him who has said, "Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive, and let their widows trust in me."

Respectfully submitted,

P. P. BOYD,
D. C. FARIS,
DAVID LOVE.

The Committee on Chinese Exclusion reported. Adopted and is as follows:

Memorial.

To the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress Assembled:

We, your memorialists, citizens of the United States, respectfully represent that all men, irrespective of race or color, are endowed with certain natural and inalienable rights, among which are the rights to travel in any land they may choose to visit, to make their homes in any country they may prefer, and to have their wives and children with them under the same roof.

But of these and other rights the Chinese people who come, or wish to come, to the United States, are unjustly deprived by the

operation of the Federal law known as the Chinese Restriction Act.

In view of such facts as these, your petitioners would respectfully call your attention to the following considerations:

First. The Chinese Restriction Law is in violation of national treaty, inasmuch as China never consented to the passage of said law. But, if we had broken our national covenant with almost any other nation, war would have resulted.

Second Into almost all nations, except China and the United States, people of every other land are permitted to enter, or travel, or make their homes. Why should a Christian nation, or people, follow the example of idolators? Besides, by the operation of the Chinese Exclusion Act, great wrongs are inflicted upon a people who have done us no wrong. In coming to the United States they do nothing worse than what the divine law, as well as our treaty with China, permits.

Third. The Golden Rule is applicable to nations as well as to individuals. If any European government would shut us out of their territory, we would complain bitterly, and most probably it would lead to the proclamation of war against the offending power. Even Confucius said: "Do nothing to another that you would not be willing that he should do to you."

Fourth. By the operation of the law great wrong is inflicted upon families, when, with a few exceptions, a father or a husband is not permitted to bring his wife or his children within our territory. Even the law of humanity, saying nothing about the divine law, cries out against the wrong as well as the cruelty.

In this connection, your memorialists would like to add that there should be some exceptions to this rule. If any man or woman would attempt to bring from China, or from any other country, to the United States any woman or girl to be used as a prostitute, such girl or woman should not be permitted to enter any American steamer coming to any of our ports, nor to land at any of them. And a similar prohibition should be in the case of paupers, anarchists, or any persons afflicted with infectious diseases.

For these and similar reasons, we, your petitioners, do respectfully and most earnestly ask you either to repeal or make such amendments to the Chinese Exclusion Act as the law of humanity, as well as the divine law, requires.

Signed,

N. R. JOHNSTON,
J. L. MCCARTNEY,
ROBERT SPEER,

Committee.

The minutes were read and approved.

Synod adjourned with the usual exercises, prayer by G. M. Robb, singing the 133rd Psalm and the benediction by the Moderator, to meet in Hopkinton, Iowa, on the last Wednesday of May, 1903, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

W. W. CARITHERS, *Moderator.*
S. G. SHAW, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

Report of Synod's Board of Trustees of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

The Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America respectfully beg leave to submit this their Annual Report, and at the same time to transmit herewith the financial operations of the Board for the fiscal year ending May 1st, 1902, as shown more fully by the report of the Treasurer.

The Board, recognizing the fact that executive officers, by long experience, become better acquainted with the business and its details as entrusted to them, and hence grow more proficient in their duties, continued the organization of the Board by the election of the old officers for another year ending June 15th, 1902, or until their successors are chosen, viz.: A. C. Coulter, President; S. McNaugher, Vice-President; D. Chesnut, Secretary, and John T. Morton, Treasurer.

The Board meetings have been on the whole well attended. The Investment Committee meetings, though more numerous, have also been remarkably well attended; it is through this Committee which most of the business necessarily passes, and which owing to an increase of the business of the Board has required many conferences involving a considerable amount of thought as well as of time; both of which have been fully given in the attention to the work intrusted to their care.

The least we can say of their work for the year past is their sacrifice of time and labor, merit our hearty commendation.

There are some matters concerning which directions were given to your Board at the last meeting of Synod which before we pass to other business we may first make report of.

First: THAT AS TO THE FOREIGN MISSION GIFT of \$859.42 referred to in our Annual Report, item 18th of last year, we have agreeably to Synod's action passed over to the Treasurer of Foreign Missions the full amount ordered.

Second: THAT THE VACANCIES IN THE BOARD occasioned by expiration of term of office that Messrs. John T. Morton, J. A. McAteer and Samuel McNaugher, were informed of your action in electing them as members of the Board for a term of three years ending June 15th, 1904, and that they accepted the positions thus tendered them.

We report as to certain gifts coming into our hands since our last Annual Report being as follows:

Third: THE MRS. REBECCA JANE BURNESON BEQUEST. Having received since our last report to Synod, a second payment of the sum of Twenty Dollars (\$20), on this account, and as this is but a portion of a bequest

of One Hundred and seventy-five Dollars (\$175), to come to us in five small annual payments, we report, that as last year we have appropriated the amount stated in the same proportions as heretofore to the current accounts of the Theological Seminary, Geneva College, Indian Mission and Foreign Missions, in the belief based on your former action, that this was the design of Synod as to the disposition of the remainder of this fund.

Fourth : THE JOSEPH WILSON BEQUEST. We report having received from the estate of Joseph Wilson, deceased, late of Philadelphia, Pa., per Rev. J. C. McFeeters, D.D., Executor, Seventy-two Dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$72.28), for the following purposes, viz.;

The "Board of Foreign Missions".....	\$18 07
The "Mission to the Indians".....	18 07
The "Freedmen's Mission".....	18 07
The "Theological Seminary".....	18 07
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	\$72 28

These amounts not being large and the decedent not having directed that they should be used for endowment purposes we recommend that Synod shall order that the total gift be credited to the current account of the respective schemes that have been named by the testator.

Fifth : THE WILLIAM REED BEQUEST. We report as having received from the estate of the late William Reed of Bellefontaine, Ohio, through Messrs. Robert G. Reed and David C. Patterson, administrators, the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200), to be applied as follows, viz. :

For the "Indian Mission".....	\$100 00
For the "Southern Mission".....	100 00
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	\$200 00

In the absence of further instructions by the will of the deceased we ask Synod to instruct the Board as to whether the amounts shall be added to the Endowment accounts or applied to Current Expenses of the Missions named.

Sixth : THE NANCY KEE BEQUEST. We report having received from estate of Nancy Kee, formerly of the City of New York, per Mr. David C. Kee, executor, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for the "Foreign Mission Endowment" account. This amount has been placed to the credit of the said Mission agreeably to the direction of the decedent.

Seventh : THE ANNA C. SMITH BEQUEST. We report that by Will of Miss Anna C. Smith, deceased, of Allegheny, Pa., there was bequeathed by her out of certain notes which she estimated at about Sixteen Hundred and fifty Dollars (\$1,650), the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for the Board of Foreign Missions and the balance of said notes in stated amounts to the Central Reformed Presbyterian Church, the Aged People's Home, both of Allegheny, and to other parties. Upon investigation it was ascertained that the total amount that could be obtained from the notes in question would amount to but little more than Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900), and as there were some other points in connection with the settlement of the estate from which this gift came

requiring legal consideration, the whole matter was referred to our Attorney with power to act; the result of which was that by his advice your Board with others interested therein. released all claims to certain other legacies considered uncollectable, and received out of the Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900) their pro rata share for the Foreign Mission

Amounting to.....	\$666 67
Less necessary expenses of.....	10 00
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Making a net sum of.....	\$656 67

As the decedent does not specify that the money shall be used for current expenses of the Foreign Missions, having simply said, "*to the Foreign Missions of the Reformed Presbyterian Church,*"

We ask Synod to decide as to whether this shall go to the Endowment or Current Account.

Eighth: THE DAVID J. KIRKPATRICK BEQUEST. We report as having come to us from David J. Kirkpatrick, deceased, near Connersville, Ind., through Mr. Joseph Gamble, executor, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), to be divided as follows, viz.:

For the "Syrian Mission,".....	\$300 00
For the "Disabled Ministers' Fund,".....	500 00
For the "Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers,"..	200 00
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	\$1,000 00

There are no directions with the gift to indicate whether the amounts are to be used for the endowment of the schemes named or for Current Expenses. We therefore ask Synod to direct to what use the amounts shall be applied.

Ninth: THE JOHN CROWE BEQUEST. We report that by the Will of the late John Crowe of Renfrew, Butler County, Pa., through Rev. S. J. Crowe and James M. Douthett, the executors of said estate, there has been received by us as residuary legatee the gross sum of Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-one Dollars and eighty-three cents (\$4,231.83), which, after deducting Attorney's fees and other necessary expenses, leaves a net sum of Four Thousand One Hundred and Forty Dollars and thirty-three cents (\$4,140.33).

There was some negotiation required to reach a conclusion in this matter, but finally the matter was settled by mutual agreement satisfactory to all parties legally interested therein.

By the Will of the decedent, the gift comes to us, coupled with the following legal restrictions, viz.: that the sum stated shall "*be devoted one half to what is called the work of the Southern Mission and the other half for the Mission work generally of said body.*"

We therefore ask the Synod at its present meeting to supplement the instructions given in reference to this money within the lines prescribed by the decedent, first, by deciding whether or not the amount of Two Thousand and Seventy Dollars and seventeen cents (\$2,070.17), given for Southern Mission, shall be used for Endowment Account or Current Expenses of said Mission, and, second, in relation to the remaining Two Thousand and Seventy Dollars and sixteen cents (\$2,070.16), given to "*Mission work generally,*" to direct to what Mission or Missions this shall be applied, and in like manner to decide whether it shall be for Endowment or Current Account.

Tenth: THE AGED PEOPLE'S HOME. The matter of Title to the Aged People's Home being conveyed by deed from the Synod now holding the deed therefor through its Board of Trustees to the foregoing named Home, now chartered under the name of the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association, was carefully considered by the Committee on Finance at the meeting of the Synod of 1900, who, in advance of the Board of Trustees and for the first time, had a copy of the Charter of the Woman's Association in their hands for consideration. This Committee of Synod in substance *unanimously* recommended that the Trustees of Synod should not be empowered to convey the property of the Home to the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association until they would have their present Charter, which was "*self-perpetuating, so amended as to protect the interests of Synod and require an annual financial statement to Synod.*"

This *unanimous* recommendation of your Finance Committee, we have been informed, was considered with care and in like manner unanimously adopted by Synod.

The conclusion of Synod in the case as thus reached, when new facts on which the decisions were based were afterwards disclosed to the Board of Trustees of the Synod, were by them fully and in like manner just as *unanimously* concurred in.

It was believed at the time that such repeated and harmonious action, by Synod itself and by your Committee on Finance as well as by your Board of Trustees, would not only be cheerfully acquiesced in by the Woman's Association, but would settle the whole matter finally and conclusively for all time to come.

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But the Synod of 1901 allowed its previous action in the matter to remain in force without reconsideration or the slightest change. In deference, however, to the Association and the grand and worthy cause for which it is enlisted and in which for a stable basis and final success the Synod and your Board are as deeply interested in as are the members of the Association themselves; the Synod, as we understand it, desirous of unmistakingly acting within legal restraints and anxious to accord to the Association to the utmost all moral and legal rights to which it may be justly entitled, consistent with Synod's duty to protect itself, and its paramount authority and obligation owed to all institutions fostered by it or supported by its members, and that the matter might again come before you for further review at the present meeting of Synod, adopted the following resolution, viz:

"Resolved, that the Woman's Association be instructed to submit in connection with the Board of Trustees of Synod, the Charter of the Woman's Association to the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County or as the highest legal and judicial authority that can be obtained, in order that advice as to the question—Is any property said Association may acquire thoroughly safeguarded to the Reformed Presbyterian Church by the present Charter, and, if not, what changes are necessary that the church's interests be protected, and that the decision be reported to Synod at its next meeting."

What we have thus far written is but a condensed and partial rehearsal of what has been done in the matter up to the date of the last meeting of Synod

and has been set forth briefly as a duty owed to the large number of lay delegates of Synod who may have had no adequate knowledge of the past action of Synod and now for the first time will be called upon to consider the matter.

We will now proceed to report what has been done since the last meeting of Synod, and in reference to the Resolution of Synod that the Charter of the Woman's Association be submitted to legal authority to obtain advice as to whether or not the church's interests are protected, and, if not, what changes are necessary? It was at once ascertained by your Board that the instructions in the resolution of Synod could not be *literally* carried out by submitting the matter for an opinion to the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

The next nearest and best thing that we conceived could be done was to lay the subject before one of the most competent Attorneys of the State for full and careful consideration, furnishing him with such data as the printed minutes of Synod and Reports of this Board to Synod and Synod's action thereon for the years 1895 to 1901, inclusive, as well as the memorial submitted by the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association last year, with their reports and such other data as we could obtain from the date of their organization, including the Synod's Board of Trustees' Charter and the Charter of the Woman's Association.

After some conference by the Attorney of Synod with the Attorney of the Woman's Association, and drawing his attention to certain legal decisions of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, bearing upon the making of the deed to the Woman's Association, it was concluded by our Attorney to be due the Synod to render to them a written opinion, so that the Synod would know the facts as viewed by their Attorneys and frame its action on the matter according to all the light that may then be thrown upon the subject. We therefore respectfully submit herewith the written opinion in full of F. C. Osbourne, Esq., Special Attorney in this case, to which, after a careful review by John C. McCombs, Esq., the regular Attorney of the Board, has given his entire and hearty concurrence by signing said opinion, thus explaining the matter of an opinion as finally rendered by two Attorneys, instead of one, as first contemplated.

The Board of Trustees, upon learning of the Attorney's opinion of the law and decision of the Courts bearing on the matter, see no reason to doubt the wisdom of the recommendations they made to you last year in so far as they now find that the law will permit the same to be secured in the Charter and by lease of the Home property to the Woman's Association. Some of the safeguards that were then deemed desirable it seems now, with present statutes and decisions of Court, cannot be legally inserted in the Charter, but your Board believes it is best to be on the safe side, remembering the moral as to the uncertainty of Court decisions as is to be inferred from the familiar saying that the "Supreme Court has the last guess", we would recommend that Synod make all doubts secure by guarding its own interests now, when only it is in her power so to do. We accordingly recommend the following:—

I. *That the title to the Aged People's Home property now occupied by the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association shall continue to be held by the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Old School, thus following the past precedents of the Church in reference to the Theological Seminary, Geneva College, Jewish Mission, and other interests of the Church.*

This course moreover, as will be seen by reference to the opinion of our Attorneys, is in entire harmony with the law and the advice they give contained in the words, "*There would be a serious question as to whether or not a deed from the Trustees of Synod to the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association so far as this property would be concerned, would convey anything at all. We have no hesitation in saying no such deed should be made.*"

II. *As to Amendment of the Charter:* That it be amended, using the words recited on page eleven in the written opinion of our Attorneys:—

1st. *That upon any member or director of this Association ceasing to be a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church (Old School) in good standing, that fact shall cancel his or her membership or directorship in the Association; and,*

2d. *That all Life Directors shall be honorary members of the Board of Directors only, and shall have no active voice in the management of the Association's affairs.*

III. With reference to securing other desirable amendments to the Charter of the Association, we would at least partially guard the points that would be caused thereby by the following recommendation:—

1st. That the Board of Trustees, *when the charter shall be amended as hereinbefore stated, be and they are hereby directed to lease, free of charge, the Home property from year to year to the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association to whom the management and control of the same is hereby committed upon the following conditions and reservations:*

1st. *That the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association shall continue to pay all taxes, water rents, insurance premiums on insurance policies to cover the value of the buildings thereon, all mortgage interest on the property, keeping the same in good order and repair, and that they shall, at the earliest date possible, pay off and have satisfied in full of record the remaining mortgage debt, when the liability for interest thereon shall cease.*

2d. *That said Association shall make annually to Synod a detailed statement or report of all receipts and expenses for the previous current year.*

3d. *That all religious services held in the Home during the term of the lease shall conform to the usage and doctrines of the Reformed Presbyterian Church (Old School in North America).*

4th. To the foregoing, using the words in the Attorney's opinion, may be added *any other additional privileges which may be fair and reasonable in view of the interests of all parties.*

There is but one other matter that your Board at present think of to which we deem it a duty resting upon us as a Board to refer to in connection with this Home, so that if possible a question of perhaps greater importance than any that has yet been met, or is likely soon to arise, should be considered at this time, rather than remain open for some future possible action of Synod.

You will remember when your Board of Trustees were first called into existence, a time so brief that it is embraced within the period of the writer's official connection therewith, a relatively small sum was entrusted to the custody of the Board, and yet during this comparatively short time, gifts and bequests for endowment purposes have so increased in amount that they now aggregate more than ten fold the original amount committed to the care of your Board.

It is therefore not unreasonable to believe that so beneficent an institution as a Home for the Aged and Infirm Members of the Church, being first

established on a basis that will commend it to the confidence and support, not of a section, but of the entire Church throughout the length and breadth of the land, having within its walls and fostering care, as it doubtless ultimately will have, the infirm from localities representing many of our congregations and every Presbytery of the Synod, that therefore gifts will be widespread, and many persons whose friends shall have been tenderly cared for will kindly remember this institution by bequests, the income only from which shall be used yearly to maintain the annual current outlay until at last a sufficient revenue shall be at hand to wholly support this institution of the Church. We therefore, in view of the amount to which this sum is likely to attain in the course of time, submit for your consideration the question *whether or not the Synod, by its Board of Trustees, shall or shall not hold, invest and re-invest for the Home all Endowment Funds* and annually disburse or pay over to the Treasurer of the Institution the net income arising from such investments, as is now and has for years been done by the Board for Geneva College, Theological Seminary, Missions, etc., of the Church. We have sought legal counsel upon the subject from our Attorney, and have been advised that the Charter of the Trustees of Synod is ample in all its provisions and powers for such a purpose, and, moreover, that valuable advantages for the management, security and investment purposes are secured under its own charter that no other of our church institutions possess, and of such nature that under the last Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania could not now be obtained by the Home or any newly chartered institution. This subject is so important in the light of all the facts bearing on the case, we need only say that we commend it to your most careful and deliberate consideration and action at this time.

Eleventh: THE DAVID GREGG ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT. We report that the investments of the proceeds of the amount obtained from the sale of this property has earned during the Current year the sum of Six Thousand nine Hundred sixty-three Dollars and thirty-one cents (\$6,963.31), which sum has been divided in the proportion designated by the terms of the gift to Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, Sustentation Fund, and such other schemes as are legally interested in the bequest. While there are years of depression and years of activity in real estate (as there has been during the past year at this place), sometimes increasing its value rapidly, and at others decreasing the same, the fact should be borne in mind that where property is held continuously as an investment, not being for sale, but held for income or revenue purposes, that the value of this bequest to the church, after all that may be said, is not wholly in what a property may be sold for, but by how much net income it will annually yield. Viewing the sale of the property in this light, and reinvesting it in Mortgages, as has been done, has resulted this year in producing a larger gain or profit than has been made in any single year during which your Board held possession of the property. By a former report to Synod, it will be noted that the net income from the estate during the three last successive years therein stated was, *viz:*

May 1st, 1897 to May 1st, 1898	\$1,282.88
May 1st, 1898 to May 1st, 1899	4,055.37
May 1st, 1899 to May 1st, 1900	2,042.85

while for the current year now closed the income, as hereinbefore referred to, amounts to \$6,963.31.

We have, therefore, no good reason to revise our belief that the change made was all that human judgment at the time would dictate to be for the best interest of the Church.

Twelfth: THE INVESTED FUNDS. The total investments, as will be seen more fully by the Treasurer's report, including sundry accounts, and such cash balances as are reported show the amount in hands of your Board now to be Five Hundred and Ten Thousand, seven hundred and two Dollars and thirty-four cents (\$510,702.34 . This sum, of course, is not represented by actual cash in our hands, but by mortgages or other securities, so that as may be readily seen the financial affairs being in their usual or normal condition there will not be enough of ready cash actually on hand at one time to purchase more than a five or ten Thousand Dollar mortgage, the policy of the Board being to keep the money out, thus bearing interest as soon as possible after it reaches the Treasury; the loans generally made are in amounts from four to eight thousand dollars.

These mortgages in turn when sold to others to be assigned, or when cash is received therefor to be satisfied of record, by rules of the Board require the signatures and attention of two officers of the Board, thus assuring freedom from mistakes and the careful attention and scrutiny of not less than two members of the corporation. In closing up the business for the current year, the net profits, after deducting rent, telephone, postage, stationery, revenue stamps, printing, salaries, car fares, and other necessary expenses, your Board have found will amount to \$21,680.05

of which sum the profits of the D. Gregg Endowment amount to . . . \$6,963.31
and the remaining sum belonging to the General Endowment Acct., 14,716.74
\$21,680.05

The \$14,716.74, being $4\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. dividend on Endowment Accounts, has been credited in the proportion due to the Geneva College Theological Seminary, Foreign Missions, and such other schemes entitled to participate in the profits.

Thirteenth: APPROPRIATIONS. Your Board respectfully ask, as usual, the following appropriations, *viz:* For the Theological Seminary Current Expenses \$1,500.

It should be noted in this connection that the Seminary is but *partly* endowed; that therefore the collection asked for is to supplement such sum as shall be earned upon the invested funds of the institution.

The urgency of a larger response than *last* year from the Church will be recognized when we state that the current year's receipts from all sources were inadequate of themselves to meet the expenses, as will be shown by the fact that the balance on hand to begin the year past of \$600.88 by comparison with the corresponding date this year, has been reduced by drawing therefrom the sum of \$509.97, thus reducing the balance now in the Treasury to the small sum of \$90.91.

In this connection we notice that some few congregations seem to have overlooked the Seminary during the past year, hence we look forward during the coming year for correspondingly increased collections from all such congregations, and from others their full quota. It is desirable that every congregation shall co-operate in the support of this institution. This arm of the church's work certainly deserves to be near to the heart of, and to be

remembered in, the prayers of all who bear the name Covenanter, and have an interest for her continued prosperity and power for good wherever her influence may extend, whether this be at home or in distant lands.

Fourteenth: FOR THE COLLEGE AND SEMINARY LIBRARY FUNDS. We ask there be as usual a collection, to be divided equally between the two institutions, to the amount of \$500.

Fifteenth: BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS AUDITED. We report that the Board, at a recent meeting, in view of this report to Synod, and according to our usual custom, appointed an Auditing Committee, consisting of Messrs. A. C. Coulter and Samuel McNaugher, to audit the Books and Accounts in connection with the report of the Treasurer, to you now made, and report that they have examined the Bonds, Mortgages and other securities held by your Board, and also the Books of the Treasurer, and have found the same correct.

Sixteenth: ELECTION OF TRUSTEES. The term of office for which Messrs. A. B. Copeland, Daniel Chesnut and A. C. Coulter were made members of this Board will expire this year. We therefore ask that at this meeting of Synod their successors be elected for three years ending June 15th, 1905, or until their successors be regularly chosen, and in this connection we would remind the Synod that by legal requirement such election shall be *by ballot*.

Seventeenth: DELEGATE TO SYNOD. In agreement with the action of Synod authorizing an appointment of a delegate to Synod to represent the financial interest of the Church, your Board have appointed Mr. Daniel Chesnut, with Mr. A. B. Copeland as alternate, to represent the Board at the present meeting of Synod.

Eighteenth: IN CONCLUSION, and for more ready reference by such committee as this report may be referred to, we will close by giving the principal items which may require your thought and action.

I. Action as to recommendation in reference to the Joseph Wilson bequest. See Item 4.

II. To decide as to what use to be made of the William Reed bequest, bearing in mind this fact which was unknown to us when Item 5 of this report was written, *viz.*: that the heirs of the deceased through the administrators have written thus as to the \$100 for Southern Missions, *viz.*: "The heirs of the lamented Father request that the bequest for the Southern Mission be used at the discretion of the Son and Brother Rev. J. G. Reed, now Principal of Knox Academy."

III. To direct whether or not the amount of the Anna C. Smith bequest shall be used for Endowment or Current Expenses. See Item 7.

IV. To what account the \$1,000 Bequest of David J. Kirkpatrick shall be credited. See Item 8.

V. To supplement the instructions in reference to the John Crowe bequest of \$4,140.33, given for Missions. See Item 9.

VI. Your consideration and action in reference to the Title, etc., of the Aged People's Home. See Item 10.

VII. As to Endowment Funds referred to in latter part of Item 10.

VIII. An appropriation for Seminary Current Expense. See Item 13.

IX. A joint collection for the use of Geneva College and the Theological Seminary. See Item 14.

X. An election of three Trustees by ballot, to succeed A. B. Copeland, D. Chesnut and A. C. Coulter. See Item 16.

XI. Such other action that may meet the approval of Synod or be suggested by the report.

Respectfully submitted by order of and as the unanimous report of the Board.

DANIEL CHESNUT,

PITTSBURG, May 14th, 1902.

Secretary.

P. S. Owing to a clerical error in copying type-written report of last year, under Item 23, Invested Funds, should have read \$502,550.15, instead of \$502,650.15.

DANIEL CHESNUT,

Secretary.

STATISTICS.

CONGREGATIONS.	PASTORS.	P. O. ADDRESS.	Elders.	Deacons.	Increase in Membership.	Decrease in Membership.	Communicants.	Baptisms.
Colorado Pres.								
Denver	T. H. Acheson.....	515 So. Pearl St., Denver, Colo..	3	3	8	5	51	1
Evans.....	J. M. Wylie.....	Box 217, Evans, Colo.....	5	4	9	5	84	6
La Junta.....	John K. Robb.....	La Junta, Colo.....	4	3	11	6	56	3
Seattle.....	P. J. McDonald.....	1701 Terry Ave., Seattle, Wash.	4	4	9	1	56	4
Oakland, M. S.....	J. M. Armour.....	Seattle, Washington.....					12	5
.....	James Patton.....	Cannonsburg, Pa., R.D. No. 2						6
.....								7
No. of Cong's, 4	No. Ministers, 6	Totals.....	16	14	37	17	259	6
Illinois Pres.								
Bethel	D. S. Faris.....	Sparta, Ill.....	4	4	1	1	59	1
St. Louis.....	M. M. Pearce.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	3	2	9	1	45	2
Bloomington.....	S. S. Smith, Bloomington, Ind..		5	4	4	9	104	3
Oakdale.....	J. C. French.....	Oakdale, Ill.....	7	6	8	19	179	4
Staunton.....	G. W. Benn.....	Staunton, Ill.....	3	2	4	2	29	12
Old Bethel.....	E. A. Crooks.....	Houston, Ill.....	5	5	5	7	148	2
Selma.....	S. Kingston, S. S.....	Selma, Ala.....	3	3		25	78	14
Church Hill.....		R. K. Wisely, Coulterville, Ill..	4	3			80	15
Princeton.....	J. G. Reed.....	J. E. Carithers, Princeton, Ind.	4	5		9	68	16
.....	E. G. Elsey.....	Selma, Ala.....						17
.....		Beaver Falls, Pa.....						18
No. of Cong's, 9	No. Ministers, 8	Totals.....	38	34	31	73	790	14
Iowa Pres.								
Chicago.....		{ J. C. McCandless, } 6536 Ingleside Ave. }	3	1	8	1	39	1
Hickory Grove.....		D. C. Nichol, Albia, Ia.....	2	2			27	1
Hopkinton.....	Louis Meyer.....	Hopkinton, Iowa.....	3	5	6	2	123	5
Lake Reno.....	J. R. W. Stevenson.....	Glenwood, Minn.....	4	3	3	5	89	22
Morning Sun.....	C. D. Trumbull.....	Morning Sun, Iowa.....	5	4	13	9	163	7
Rehoboth.....	J. A. Black.....	Wyman, Iowa.....	2	4		2	48	1
Sharon.....	T. P. Robb.....	Linton, Iowa.....	5	5	9	10	222	10
Vernon.....	Hugh McCarroll.....	Waukesha, Wis.....	2			1	45	26
Washington.....	R. C. Allen.....	Washington, Iowa.....	4	3		3	59	27
.....	Isaiah Faris.....	Vernon, Wis.....						28
.....	J. M. Littlejohn.....	Chicago, Ill.....						29
No. of Cong's, 9	No. Ministers, 9	Totals.....	30	27	39	33	815	25
Kansas Pres.								
Beulah.....	J. S. McGaw.....	Mt. Clare, Neb.....	3	3	8	2	95	2
Billings.....	W. C. Paden, S.S.....	Billings, Noble Co., O. T.....	4	3	9		36	a 3
Clarinda.....	J. W. Dill.....	Clarinda, Ia.....	5	7	7	16	180	3
Denison.....			4	4	15	9	120	4
Eskridge.....	James McCune.....	Eskridge, Kas.....	6	3	2	3	78	6
Hebron.....	W. S. Fulton.....	Idana, Kas.....	3	4	5	7	80	5
Holmwood.....	E. A. Paden.....	Mankato, Kan. R. F. D., No. 3	4	4	2	3	42	1
Kansas City.....	A. J. McFarland.....	3118 Campbell St., Kan. City, Mo	3	3	4	2	53	1
Long Branch.....	J. M. Johnston.....	Blanchard, Iowa.....	6	3	18	5	133	a 5
Olathe.....	G. A. Edgar.....	Olathe, Kas.....	6	6	5	9	166	1
Quinter.....	Geo. R. McBurney, S.S.	Quinter, Kas.....	4	4	1		39	3
Sterling.....		W. J. Connery, Sterling, Kas..	6	4		12	68	41
Superior.....	S. J. Johnston.....	Superior, Neb.....	3	1	1	11	46	3
Tabor.....		T. K. Tippin, Morganville, Kan.	4	3	9	3	58	4
Topeka.....	E. M. Coleman, S.S.	813 Tyler St., Topeka, Kas.....	2		3	4	38	44
Wahoo.....	M. A. Gault.....	Wahoo, Neb.....	3	2	2	7	33	45
Winchester.....	D. H. Coulter.....	Winchester, Kas.....	6	4	5	11	211	4
Cache Creek, M.S.	W. W. Carithers.....	Apache, O. T.....			6	3	70	c 8
.....	H. P. McClurkin.....	912 W. 12th St., Topeka, Kas						48
.....	S. M. Stevenson.....	Idana, Kas.....						49
.....	J. Ralston Wylie.....	College Springs, Iowa.....						50
.....	J. B. Dodds.....	Suadila, Syria.....						51
.....	J. T. Wilson.....	Wadon, Kas.....						52
.....	S. R. Wallace.....	Holton, Kas.....						53
No. of Cong's, 17	No. Ministers, 21	Totals.....	72	58	102	107	1,546	53

Colorado—* Last year's report.

Illinois—* Last year's report.

Kansas—a 1 adult; c 5 adults.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

	Sabbath School Attendance.	Young People's Society Attendance.	Egyptian Mission.	Chinese Mission.	Home Mission	Southern Mission.	Indian Mission.	Jewish Mission.	Theological Seminary.	Sustentation.	Church Erection.	National Reform.	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund.	Widows and Orphans' Fund.	Salary paid by Congregation.	Miscellaneous	Total.
1	130	25	9	7	9	9	4	6	.....	.....	49	5	2	.....	.....	468	260	828
2	89	30	235	45	33	27	24	13	.....	15	23	19	12	6	6	887	279	1,624
3	60	12	45	17	20	14	6	5	13	8	6	14	7	5	6	650	487	1,303
4	262*	29	107	25	72	64	20	12	29	24	9	20	11	4	8	783	535	1,723
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	541	96	396	94	134	114	54	36	42	47	87	58	32	15	20	2,788	1,561	5,478
8	42	20	23	4	5	5	27	58	4	3	41	10	2	3	3	380	164	732
9	68	20	.....	6	8	3	5	3	6	6	3	5	4	.....	.....	624	714	1,387
10	120	30	147	39	24	48	33	128	14	16	17	17	28	11	83	441	692	1,658
11	170	40	97	7	.....	40	.....	33	.....	4	3735	17	5	.....	46	800	169	4,953
12	20	7	12	8	7	4	9	12	250†	184	513
13	100	25	164	68	48	34	53	12	9	13	9	25	8	7	2	700	316	1,468
14	20	349	62	431
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16	58	15	61	22	6	9	19	3	3	11	5	450	300	889
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18
	558	150	512	153	103	147	144	241	36	51	3805	117	47	26	134	3,994	2,521	12,031
19	200	20	68	4	220	1,329	1,617
20	40	.....	14	4	2	4	3	3	5	.....	.....	4	3	2	3	.....	283	330
21	90	28	218	11	15	26	25	9	18	15	8164	14	6	8	70	800	329	9,728
22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	505	505
23	158	42	506	18	375	318	49	99	35	29	39	133	16	15	13	1,060	571	3,276
24	45	23	158	63	62	64	70	11	10	13	14	31	8	9	8	700	336	1,567
25	164	40	371	90	157	145	69	182	62	46	202	72	49	19	18	1,000	583	3,065
26	69	147	23	19	16	20	9	15	10	8	11	17	6	6	409	716
27	50	25	69	14	17	13	35	5	13	3	465	114	748
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	816	178	1,551	223	647	586	271	313	145	118	8427	278	99	59	121	4,245	4,459	21,542
30	110	40	11	14	3	4	3	2	2	1	1	6	3	3	2	625	372	1,052
31	77	.....	32	13	9	3	11	4	3	7	8	9	10	3	5	350	53	520
32	203	60	159	85	49	207	32	88	13	23	25	17	23	13	12	800	654	2,200
33	100	20	51	31	18	32	28	4	3	3	230	10	7	2	15	600	195	1,229
34	100	12	96	37	14	29	22	15	5	22	58	11	9	4	4	600	228	1,154
35	125	40	33	9	5	7	8	8	.....	5	6	13	7	8	4	397	210	720
36	65	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	2	400	2	.....	1	2	300	23	732
37	60	25	24	2	9	14	4	2	.....	5	288	6	5	2	3	600	318	1,232
38	125	30	177	73	57	51	13	127	24	15	38	31	22	5	10	600	428	1,671
39	175	20	265	51	126	48	50	114	30	35	343	60	24	10	10	860	544	2,510
40	50	20	14	5	4	3	6	4	1	2	13	4	7	2	1	200	12	278
41	70	.....	81	29	33	21	25	19	6	14	8	13	13	5	7	600	392	1,266
42	60	25	16	22	7	11	9	4	2	11	4	2	4	1	2	485	98	678
43	70	25	19	.....	12	4	5	.....	.....	3	.....	5	.....	3	5	.....	614	670
44	38	20	11	3	15	5	.....	4	.....	2	1	2	1	2	.....	249	146	441
45	64	15	14	8	11	4	5	4	18	5	86	4	9	4	4	300	172	648
46	257	113	47	86	66	173	23	33	13	18	15	10	12	900	421	2,187
47	100	15	15	5	15	94	66	210
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	1,592	352	1,260	510	435	529	298	577	130	188	1,472	213	174	78	98	8,500	4,946	19,398

Illinois—† For six months.

Kansas—b 3 4th time.

CONGREGA- TIONS.	PASTORS.	P. O. ADDRESS.	Elders.	Deacons.	Increase in Membership.	Decrease in Membership.	Communicants.	Baptisms.
Lakes Pres.								
Belle Centre	{ J. M. Faris, S.S. {	cor. J. Mitchell, Belle Centre, O.	3	..	..	2	29	...
Bellefontaine.....		Bellefontaine, Ohio.....	4	..	4	2	34	1
Cedar Lake.....	C. McLeod Smith.	Ray, Indiana	5	4	3	5	136	3
Cedarville.....	W. J. Sanderson..	Cedarville, Ohio.....	3	3	1	9	41	1
Cincinnati.....		[natti, Ohio	3	4	..	13	48	..
Fair Grove.....	T. C. Sproull, S.S.	W. J. Poole, 434 Hopkins St., Cincin-	3	4	1	..	51	..
Southfield.....	J. McCracken.....	cor. J. S. Wylie, Fair Grove, Mich.	4	6	1	3	94	1
United Miami.....	R. Hargrave.....	Box 221, Birmingham, Mich.	6	6	14	6	138	6
Hetherton, M. S.		Belle Center, Ohio, R.F.D.....	..	..	..	..	17	8
		M. L. Roby, Hetherton, Mich.....	..	..	..	α	17	9
No. of Cong's, 8	No. Ministers, 6	Totals.....	31	27	24	40	588	12
N. Brunswick and Nova Scotia Pres.								
Saint John, N. B.	W. T. K. Thompson	398 Main Street, St. John, N. B.	2	5	1	1	30	3
Barnesville, N. B.	" "	" "	3	7	3	2	36	..
Cornwallis, N. S.	Thomas McFall..	Somerset, Nova Scotia.....	4	..	..	2	76	1
No. of Cong's, 3	No. Ministers, 2	Totals.....	9	12	4	5	142	4
New York Pres.								
First Boston.....	Sam'l McNaugher.	42 Dana St., Cambridge, Mass..	5	6	7	15	246	..
Second Boston.....	J. M. Foster.....	44 S. Russell St., Boston, Mass.	6	6	9	20	90	5
Bovina.....	T. M. Slater.....	Bovina Center, N. Y.....	5	3	3	4	75	1
Brooklyn.....	W. M. George.....	633 Madison St., B'klyn. N. Y.	5	4	3	..	56	..
Cambridge.....	S. G. Shaw.....	45 Antrim St., Cambridge, Mass.	3	4	6	14	71	1
Coldenham.....	Thomas Patton.....	Coldenham, Orange Co., N. Y.	5	4	4	9	60	* 3
Kortright.....		Wm. Orr, So. Kortright, N. Y.	3	2	..	2	27	..
First Newburgh.....	J. W. F. Carlisle.	234 Liberty St., Newburgh, N.Y.	2	3	8	8	168	3
Second New York.....	R. M. Sommerville	327 W. 56th St., New York, N.Y.	6	8	7	23	262	2
Third New York.....	F. M. Foster.....	346 W. 29th St., New York, N.Y.	5	8	8	15	182	4
Fourth New York.....	I. A. Blackwood..	304 W. 122d St., New York, N.Y.	4	4	26	2	90	9
Walton.....	R. C. Reed.....	Walton, N. Y.....	5	6	1	11	90	3
West Hebron.....	T. A. McElwain..	West Hebron, N. Y.....	3	1	...	1	33	3
White Lake.....	John H. Pritchard	White Lake, Sullivan Co., N.Y.	4	2	1	2	51	† 2
Second Newburgh.....	J. R. Thompson.....	Newburgh, N. Y.....	3	4	5	15	175	5
.....	T. A. Rusk.....	862 W. 168th St., New York, N.Y.	..	..	..	..	..	28
.....	A. I. Robb.....	Canton, China.....	..	..	..	..	..	29
.....	G. P. Raitt.....	523 W. 123d St., New York, N.Y.	..	..	..	..	..	30
No. of Cong's, 15	No. Ministers, 17	Totals.....	64	65	88	141	1,676	41
Ohio Pres.								
Jonathan's Creek.....	J. C. Slater.....	White Cottage, Ohio.....	2	3	2	2	42	2
Londonderry.....	P. H. Wylie.....	Londonderry, Ohio.....	4	...	...	2	36	...
Musk'm & Tomica.....		W. M. Wylie, Frazeyburg, Ohio	3	...	...	2	19	...
New Concord.....	A. A. Samson.....	New Concord, Ohio.....	3	5	9	4	98	1
North Salem.....		W. P. Adams, Sugar Tree, Ohio	2	...	...	1	7	...
Utica.....		R. A. Adams, Utica, Ohio.....	3	5	...	...	75	3
Mansfield, M. S.		Jas. Reynolds, Mansfield, Ohio	1	2	...	4	31	...
Middle Wheeling, M. S.		Jas. Orr, Roney's Point, W. Va.	1	..	1	..	13	...
No. of Cong's, 6	No. Ministers, 3	Totals.....	19	15	12	15	321	6
Philadelphia Pres.								
First Phila.....	T. P. Stevenson....	1233 South 47th St., Phila.....	3	4	6	12	171	4
Second Phila.....	J. C. McFeeters....	1511 Christian St., Phila.....	6	...	12	42	244	4
Third Phila.....	R. C. Montgomery	129 W. Susquehanna Av., Phila.	9	5	6	4	152	4
Baltimore.....		John Wright, 1041 Hillen St., Baltimore	3	...	...	2	19	...
Conococheague M. S.		James D. Kennedv Green Castle, Pa.	1	...	...	...	16	...
.....	A. W. Johnston....		..	..	..	..	..	44
.....	E. F. Sherman.....		..	..	..	..	..	45
.....	N. R. Johnston....	140 Jackson Pl., Baltimore, Md.	..	..	..	..	..	46
No. of Cong's, 4	No. Ministers, 6	Totals.....	22	9	24	60	602	12

Lakes—α last year's report.

New York—* 2 adults; † 1 adult.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

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		Sabbath School Attendance.	Young People's Society Attendance.	Syrian Mission.	Chinese Mission.	Home Mission	Southern Mission.	Indian Mission.	Jewish Mission.	Theological Seminary.	Sustentation	Church Erection.	National Reform.	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund.	Widows and Orphans' Fund.	Salary paid by Congregation.	Miscellaneous	Total.
1	40	.....	35	37	32	11	10	3	.....	2	101	3	2	3	3	.....	331	57
2	35	.....	36	8	25	6	9	4	3	7	6	6	4	4	4	288	118	528
3	155	20	119	24	84	18	22	5	6	11	9	45	7	5	4	700	435	1,494	
4	50	25	100	6	42	23	17	7	10	18	16	14	17	7	5	575	264	1,121	
5	90	24	57	4	10	5	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	5	2	3	2	639	729	.....
6	65	.....	32	9	28	8	6	.....	.....	5	.....	7	.....	4	4	300	135	538
7	100	30	87	9	39	9	8	.....	4	9	.....	.....	4	.....	6	544	226	945
8	95	50	147	53	45	94	.....	14	.....	22	15	10	13	6	5	800	354	1,558
9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	630	149	613	150	305	174	72	33	25	74	147	90	49	32	33	3,207	2,482	7,486	
10	30	.....	45	3	10	11	13	4	2	4	2	.....	2	2	3	600	268	969
11	30	.....	9	3	.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	200	56	275
12	30	.....	81	11	17	4	14	5	3	1	1	1	1	3	3	551	66	762
	90	.....	135	17	27	15	30	10	5	5	3	1	3	6	8	1,351	390	2,006
13	105	65	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	158	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,600	1,961	3,763
14	60	.....	75	25	25	25	5	5	5	6	25	150	25	5	6	1,200	1,250	2,832
15	60	20	167	108	47	30	24	9	13	30	217	30	39	9	12	576	206	1,517	
16	96	30	82	28	60	28	22	9	12	28	211	39	22	8	11	900	438	1,898	
17	110	44	9	13	8	6	9	.....	8	.....	1,273	.....	.....	6	7	1,300	383	3,022
18	60	.....	22	5	6	10	33	3	2	2	2	11	8	.....	.....	600	27	729
19	20	.....	28	4	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	255	18	315	.....
20	120	85	333	.....	24	45	36	65	.....	.....	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,500	1,000	3,203
21	387	38	7,712	724	1237	443	220	123	.....	1822	510	300	.....	79	79	3,000	4,563	20,817
22	225	35	478	322	60	37	49	24	17	34	26	20	72	17	18	2,500	3,778	7,452	
23	129	30	49	72	.....	28	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,200	791	2,148
24	94	12	109	22	55	21	8	4	.....	9	.....	5	.....	6	7	800	329	1,375
25	27	17	10	10	7	4	3	2	2	4	3	2	2	2	2	350	197	660	
26	30	15	12	6	5	6	6	5	6	4	21	5	5	6	500	89	691	
27	100	25	136	19	35	25	1,200	623	2,038	
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29	
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	1,623	401	9,269	1369	1570	654	451	272	73	1941	2,629	578	173	137	150	17,481	15,653	52,400	
31	60	20	52	31	28	21	22	6	5	16	11	8	14	5	82	500	169	970	
32	.....	.....	24	7	9	4	6	4	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	3	.....	200	120	390
33	.....	.....	3	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	3	1	1	* 184	60	261
34	56	22	72	24	29	17	8	7	4	11	4	24	6	4	4	600	450	1,264	
35	.....	.....	3	3	2	2	3	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
36	.....	.....	101	.....	42	11	2	.....	.....	5	5	.....	5	3	.....	.....	581	755
37	18	14	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	* 155	70	252
38	.....	.....	32	15	38	29	23	.....	2	3	6	10	8	2	.....	* 75	72	315
	134	56	314	82	110	115	73	21	11	37	27	60	34	18	86	1,714	1,522	4,224	
39	75	50	192	37	27	15	19	18	3	.....	7	59	5	6	5	1,538	1,701	3,632
40	105	20	526	14	116	35	31	60	31	14	134	54	24	10	25	2,000	1,634	4,708	
41	135	60	305	62	97	75	33	40	15	18	145	60	11	8	5	1,600	2,071	4,545	
42	200	200	400	
43	1	1	1	1	1	98	21	124	
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	315	130	1,023	113	240	125	84	119	50	33	286	173	41	24	35	5,436	5,627	13,409	

Ohio—* supplies.

CONGREGA- TIONS.	PASTORS.	P. O. ADDRESS.	Elders.	Deacons.	Increase in Membership.	Decrease in Membership.	Communicants.	Baptisms.
Pittsburgh Pres.								
Adams'le & Midltw'n		S. W. Rodgers Jamestown, Pa.					49	1
Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	R. J. McCracken, Shira, Pa.	5	2	1	....	124	2
Bear Run & Mahoning		1205 Boyle St., Allegheny, Pa.	4	..	12	7	49	3
Rehoboth		Jas. Graham, Sidney, Pa.	4	..	1	....	29	4
Beaver Falls	J. S. Thompson	David Wallace, Kittanning, Pa.	2	..	..	2	27	5
Brook'd & Manchester		1005 8th Av., Beaver Falls, Pa.	8	5	7	6	87	6
Central Allegheny	J. W. Sproull	H. S. Steele, Ingleside, Pa.	2	..	..	..	27	7
Centreville, M. S.	J. R. Latimer, S.S.	122 E. North Ave., Allegheny ..	3	..	11	12	179	* 5
Clarksburg		Rob't Henry, Clarksburg, Pa.	2	2	..	..	14	9
College Hill	R. H. Martin	College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa.	8	6	28	1	115	10
East End	D. C. Martin	401 N. Hiland Ave., Pittsburgh	4	5	5	9	52	6
Geneva	H. G. Foster	College av., 30th st., Beaver Falls	8	6	8	6	137	13
Little Beaver	J. K. Wylie	New Galilee, Pa.	6	4	7	2	85	1
McKeesp't & Monon'la	B. M. Sharp	427 Penny Av., McKeesport, Pa.	3	1	3	5	56	15
Mercer	W. J. McKnight	Mercer, Pa.	4	6	2	2	50	1
Miller's Run	S. G. Conner	R. D. 38, Cannonsburg, Pa.	3	..	2	2	59	6
New Alexandria	R. J. Gault	New Alexandria, Pa.	5	2	7	7	138	4
New Castle	J. S. Martin	69 Oak Ave., New Castle, Pa.	4	8	29	22	212	19
North Union		J. C. Renfrew, Renfrew, Pa.	2	..	2	..	36	2
Oil Creek	S. J. Crowe	405 Park Ave., Warren, Ohio.	2	3	2	8	16	1
Pine Creek	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa.	2	..	1	..	26	22
Union		"	4	3	..	3	62	2
Parnassus	F. M. Willson	Parnassus, Pa.	6	4	..	..	71	2
Pittsburgh	D. McAllister	51 Linden Ave., Allegheny, Pa.	5	6	7	6	233	15
Salem		Robert Campbell, Baxter, Pa.	2	..	..	5	16	26
Slippery Rock	J. R. Latimer	Rose Point, Lawrence Co., Pa.	5	2	1	4	61	1
Wilkinsburg	R. C. Wylie	810 South Av., Stat. D, Pitts, Pa.	5	..	14	7	142	4
Youngstown		J. W. Wilson, 435 Hillman St., O.	4	2	7	4	46	1
	R. C. Allen	Grove City, Pa.	..	..	..	..	..	30
	J. R. Baird	Indiana, Pa.	..	..	..	..	..	31
	E. M. Coleman	Columbianna, O.	..	..	..	..	..	32
	J. F. Crozier	Beaver Falls, Pa.	..	..	..	..	..	33
	R. J. Dodds	Mersine, Asia Minor	..	..	..	..	..	34
	C. A. Dodds	Latakia, Syria	..	..	..	..	..	35
	H. Easson	Beaver Falls, Pa.	..	..	..	..	..	36
	J. C. K. Faris	"	..	..	..	..	..	37
	John Galbraith	Mars, Pa.	..	..	..	..	..	38
	H. H. George	Beaver Falls, Pa.	..	..	..	..	..	39
	R. J. George	Arch St, Allegheny, Pa.	..	..	..	..	..	40
	W. P. Johnston	Beaver Falls, Pa.	..	..	..	..	..	41
	Geo. Kennedy	"	..	..	..	..	..	42
	A. J. McFarland	"	..	..	..	..	..	43
	J. J. McClurkin	New Alexandria, Pa.	..	..	..	..	..	44
	J. L. McCartney	Beaver Falls, Pa.	..	..	..	..	..	45
	R. J. McIsaac	"	..	..	..	..	..	46
	J. L. Pinkerton	Waupaca, Wisconsin	..	..	..	..	..	47
	D. J. Shaw	New Alexandria, Pa.	..	..	..	..	..	48
	J. S. Stewart	Latakia, Syria	..	..	..	..	..	49
	D. B. Willson	Buena Vista St., Allegheny, Pa.	..	..	..	..	..	50
	A. M. Thompson	"	..	..	..	..	..	51
	T. J. Allen	Beaver Falls, Pa.	..	..	..	..	..	52
No. of Cong's, 27	No. Ministers, 41	Totals	117	65	157	120	2,195	76
Rochester Pres.								
Almonte	P. P. Boyd	Almonte, Ontario, Can	4	2	3	....	60	1
Lisbon		Wm. Robson, Lisbon Centre, N.Y.	3	1	2	3	47	2
Lochiel		Wm. F. Brodie, Brodie, Ontario	3	2	1	1	31	3
Sterling		Hugh Dugan, Sterling, N. Y.	1	3	..	..	25	56
Syracuse	G. M. Robb	204 Lafayette av., Syracuse, N.Y.	4	5	..	1	73	1
York	J. B. Gilmore	York, N. Y.	4	..	4	6	94	3
	Wm. McFarland	102 E. Colvin St., Syracuse, N.Y.	..	..	..	..	..	59
No. of Cong's, 5	No. Ministers, 4	Totals	19	13	10	11	330	10
Vermont Pres.								
Barnet	D. C. Faris	West Barnet, Vermont	4	3	2	2	54	60
Craftsbury	J. C. Taylor	East Craftsbury, Vermont.	4	2	1	2	56	61
Ryegate		William Bone, Boltonville, Vt	2	1	..	7	20	62
No. of Cong's, 3	No. Ministers, 2	Totals	10	6	3	11	130	..

Pittsburgh—d adults, five; i 2 adults; * 1 adult.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

	Sabbath School Attendance.	Young People's Society Attendance.	Syrian Mission.	Chinese Mission.	Home Mission.	Southern Mission.	Indian Mission.	Jewish Mission.	Theological Seminary.	Sustentation.	Church Erection.	National Reform.	Testimony Bearing Fund.	Aged Ministers Fund.	Widows and Orphans Fund.	Salary paid by Congregation.	Miscellaneous	Total.
1																		
2	20		6		8	2	6	1	3	1		2		1	1	192	136	359
3	150	25	454	16	412	97	322	30	117	62	834	87	146	20	188	1,600	870	5,235
4	36		28	13	16	21	28						10			432	50	598
5																		
6	250	20	62	52	27	29	41	18	12	10	4	10	15	4	8	850	425	1,567
7											150		5				94	249
8	568	150	218	12	13	13	66	3	1	4	150	11	2	2	2	2,000	2,793	5,290
9	11															60		60
10	12		30	3	4											100	40	177
11	233	75	243	26	71	104	39	22	13	16	300	148	8	6	5	900	814	2,715
12	65	25	64	43	39	40	103	9	29	23	3,475	51	34			800	1,265	5,975
13	369		214	64	70	43	100	5	10	30	12	10	33	12	6	1,100	1,441	3,150
14	113	20	63	25	12	34	20	7	12	10	162	63	7	6	6	800	229	1,456
15	20		44	11	24	9	20	14	14	8	198	42	15	20	75	500	383	1,377
16	25		32	17	38	6	9	2	2	5	479	5	16	4	5	325	118	1,063
17	61		212	37	110	60	109	9	22	30	24	30	24	9	12	800	294	1,782
18	131		252	75	76	51	82	14	26	41	23	31	36	13	13	900	603	2,236
19	228	70	336	24	64	39	17	13	8	26	772	32	6	2	4	1,100	1,035	3,478
20	25		15	18			18										256	314
21	30		30								200					200	230	* 65
22	26		4	1	2	2	1					2				171	76	259
23	85		50		10	7	19	3	2	3	37	10	2	1	4	474	317	946
24	40	17	132	47	42	38	65	27	25	34	231	157	16	15	14	k 750	505	2,098
25	279	119	282	226	150	106	34	60	8	9	10	509	10	27	20	2,500	3,238	7,189
26																		
27	90		87	254	6	9	39	24	1	16	2	2	10	2	6	560	170	981
28	339	35	47	94	217	135	179	64	59	70		142	58	44	29	61,200	1,359	3,904
29	60	20	10	5	20	1	10	11		1			3			319	200	580
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	3,266	576	3,122	863	1,431	846	1327	336	364	369	7,070	1344	456	188	403	18,633	16,941	53,723
53	70		73	18	22	18	14	4	8	14	133	9	8	5	7	500	467	1,300
54	30		9	2	3		3						2	2	2		228	249
55	20		28	11	22	11	10	6	4	8	3	5	7	2	6	400	306	829
56	20		55		12		8	5						5	5		441	531
57	144	52	54	12	15	13	8	6	5	6	59	9	7	3	3	592	206	998
58	70	22	71	11	18	17	13	8	6	13	13	17	11	7		800	459	1,464
59																		
	354	74	290	54	92	59	56	29	23	41	206	40	33	23	23	2,292	2,107	5,371
60	84		55	18	15	32	31	5	8	11		11	10	5	5	471	116	793
61	90		52	15	13	31	31	7	6	2	2	4	4	3	3	555	296	1,068
62			38	11	17	13	11	6	4	5		12	6	3	5		79	210
	174		145	44	47	58	73	18	18	18	2	27	20	11	13	1,026	491	2,011

Pittsburgh—b and Manse; k from July 1st.

Rochester—† and manse; ‡ including manse

Vermont—|| and manse.

PRESBYTERIES.										
	Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.	Deacons.	Increase in Membership.	Decrease in Membership.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Sabbath School Attendance.	Young People's Society Attendance.
N. Brunswick and N. Scotia....	3	2	9	12	4	5	142	4	90	1
Iowa.....	9	9	30	27	39	33	815	25	816	2
Lakes.....	8	6	31	27	24	40	588	12	630	3
Kansas.....	17	21	72	58	102	107	1,546	53	1,592	4
Pittsburg.....	27	41	117	65	157	120	2,195	76	3,266	5
Ohio.....	6	3	19	15	12	15	321	6	134	6
Colorado.....	4	6	16	14	37	17	259	6	541	7
Vermont.....	3	2	10	6	3	11	130	.....	174	8
Philadelphia.....	4	6	22	9	24	60	602	12	315	9
Rochester.....	5	4	19	13	10	11	330	10	354	10
New York.....	15	17	64	65	88	141	1,676	41	1,623	11
Illinois.....	9	8	38	34	31	73	790	14	558	12
Syrian Commission.....	2	1	50	25	328	551	13
Totals.....	112	126	447	345	581	658	9,722	259	10,644	2,162

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1	135	17	27	15	30	10	5	5	3	1	3	6	9	1,351	390	2,006
2	1,551	223	647	586	271	313	145	112	8,427	273	99	59	121	4,245	4,459	21,542
3	613	150	305	174	72	33	25	74	147	90	49	32	33	3,207	2,482	7,486
4	1,260	510	435	529	288	577	130	188	1,472	213	174	78	98	8,500	4,946	19,398
5	3,122	863	1,431	846	1,327	336	364	399	7,070	1,344	456	188	403	18,633	16,941	53,723
6	314	82	110	115	73	21	11	37	27	60	34	18	86	1,714	1,522	4,224
7	396	94	134	114	54	36	42	47	87	58	32	15	20	2,788	1,561	5,478
8	145	44	47	58	73	18	18	18	2	27	20	11	13	1,026	491	2,011
9	1,023	113	240	125	84	119	50	33	286	173	41	24	35	5,436	5,627	13,409
10	290	54	92	59	56	29	23	41	208	40	33	24	23	2,292	2,107	5,371
11	9,269	1,369	1,570	654	451	272	73	1,941	2,629	578	173	137	150	17,481	15,653	52,400
12	512	153	103	147	144	241	36	51	3,805	117	47	26	134	3,994	2,521	12,031
13
	18,630	3,672	5,141	3,422	2,923	2,005	922	3,672	24,163	2,979	1,161	618	11,124	70,667	58,700	199,079

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